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SLICKERS SLIDE?



The Sydney City Slickers — on a slide?

WHAT on earth is going on at Sydney City?

BY KEITH GILMOUR

They are six points and five places worse off than they were at a similar stage last season.

Poor goalkeeper Alex McPherson, a success story at Melita Eagles and Marconi, has coped a load of flack from the fans but he can point

to a leaky defence in front of him.

The club is certainly not travelling well for attendances and have a \$50,000 less grant from the plush Hakoah Club than applied in 1985.

They didn't want to lose Socceroos squad goalkeeper Tony Pezza-

no but the \$10,000 fee received from APIA-Leichhardt was essential for their financial well being.

Also, is Eddie Thomson reeling under the pressure of being both manager and coach of the club.

It all seems to add up to a tale of woe, so we posed some questions to

Thomson himself.

"Well, I wasn't appointed manager until this season but I was virtually doing most of the job before so that doesn't worry me.

"I admit Alex McPherson has had me concerned but his confidence should return and we have Colin Darcy and Brett Hughes to

back up as well.

"We have enough depth in the squad to come good — players like Abbas Saad, Robert Hooker, Ean Rodrigues and Ian Souness are all in the fight for positions.

"Don't forget that Tom McCulloch is settling and he is something special.

"He has matured on

the field and I rate him as the best midfielder in Australia.

"His \$22,000 transfer fee was money well spent," Thomson answered.

Thomson added that young Saad "is potentially another Kenny Boden who won a championship for us single-handed a few

years back."

And, believe it or not, there is another Joe Watson on the way.

"Tom Pontidas has all Joe's ability to retain possession and link up with the forwards," he caimed.

Now what about Sydney City's future? We will have to wait and see.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

The Editor

IT WOULD be quite easy to demonstrate that the glory of the World Cup is one thing and the Olympic Airways National Soccer League of Australia is another.

Whilst admitting that the NSL is hardly world class, there are a few pertinent points that spring to mind.

For a start it should be recognised that the NSL, supported by the State Leagues and regional competitions, are the very bread and butter of Soccer — and at times they provide some tasty jam as well.

Claims that there are some quality performers in the NSL can be demonstrated by Australia's reasonable success rate in World Cup preliminaries.

In addition there have been some memorable performances against national and club teams of note.

A further yardstick is the manner in which the likes of Craig Johnston, Tony Dorrigo, David Mitchell, Jim Patikas, Eddie Krncevic and Oscar Crino have succeeded in what are in the main prestigious overseas competitions.

The Australian players are with top clubs in England, West Germany, Greece and Belgium, with the multi-talented Crino in the lesser league in Cyprus.

Back in other days the world football centres were light years away from Australia.

Only the odd exceptions such as "Josa" Marston, Ken Grieves and Cliff Almond made the grade when they moved from Leichhardt-Annandale in the first two cases and Cessnock in the second, to Britain.

Regarding out present 'exported' players, we could certainly do with them here, but most if not all will bring back extra skills when they return.

Meanwhile the NSL — and especially the better teams — does present a deal better standard than it rates in the Australian media and often the public mind.

Sydney Olympic, Sydney Croatia, Marconi, Footscray, Brunswick, South Melbourne, Adelaide City etc offer a plenty to enthuse the fans, especially when they are playing in tune.

In many cases the State Leagues are proving some great entertainment, as witness the compact NSW State League, and are well worthy of support.

Soon we will be seeing the Soccerroos playing against the elegant and football-wise Czechs. Full internationals will be played in Melbourne (Sunday August 3), Adelaide (Wednesday August 6), and Sydney (Sunday August 10).

But as important as World Cup and the Olympic Games are, football is all but meaningless unless there are powerful domestic competitions and crowd support.

Heaven knows, there are many continuing problems that are not addressed that continue to hold the sport back.

But for a start it is time to get behind your national group or district club - Soccer can only be built up if all who are keen on the game will put in a concerted effort.

DAVID JACK RETIRES FROM ASW

EDITOR David Jack has decided that his trip to yet another World Cup would provide the break to his activities as editor of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

His contribution to the operation of Australia's brightest and most popular Soccer publication has been immense over much of the time since it rocketed on to the scene in 1980.

The new editor is Keith Gilmour, who has

long been involved in the publicising of the game and prior to that as an administrator.

With ASW's team of experienced journalists and knowledgeable contributors the paper will continue to bring you the latest and best each week.

AROK GETS HIS REVENGE AS SAINTS TOSS APIA

ST GEORGE reversed the result of their first round encounter with Apia when they ran out victors 1-0 at Lambert Park in a tight, but somewhat drab tussle that saw Apia doing most of the attacking.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Apia should have had the match wrapped up in the first session but squandered chances in front of the target.

First danger came from Saint's striker Graeme Fletcher when he neatly cut inside Apia's left back, Mark Brown to try a snap-shot from 12 metres out that went wide of the right post.

Apia's 27th minute free-kick by Edward Lorens found centre-back Arno Bertogna and he crashed his powerful header against the St George cross-bar from eight metres out. This near miss proved most costly for Apia.

Eight minutes later, Apia's skipper Terry Butler whipped in a corner from the left and again Bertogna was found on the back post. Bertogna this time guided his header straight to Saints' well-positioned goalkeeper Mike Gibson for the take.

Six minutes from the break St George came forward through mid-fielder Johnny O'Shea. O'Shea knocked wide to Stewart Porter who crossed into the box for Pedro Ricoy.

Ricoy's header from six metres out went sailing over the cross-bar.

But two minutes from "drinks" Saints hit the front.

Ricoy's free-kick on the right found striker Roy Cotton who blasted at Apia's goalkeeper, Tony Pezzano. Pezzano was only able to partly block the hot drive as youngster Scott Ollerenshaw zipped in to tuck away a St George goal.

With Saints holding the lead, the onus was on Apia to come forward and this they did.

Time after time Apia threw men forward as St George through David Skeen, Michael O'Shea, David Ratcliffe and Robbie O'Shea soaked up the pressure with sterling defence.

Apia in the last 10 minutes understandably left themselves thin at the back as they pushed men forward, desperately looking for the equaliser. But on three occasions they almost paid the penalty of conceding further goals as the Saints caught them

out on the breaks.

The 84th minute saw Ollerenshaw bust into the clear on the right, going past two defenders. But the youngster's very poor cross into the box went straight to Pezzano on the near post with Graeme Fletcher completely free right in front of goals.

With seconds left on the clock, Ricoy cut a nice ball back off the by-line for Ollerenshaw to head on for substitute striker, John McKie. McKie headed forward immediately towards the target but Pezzano again gathered safely.

Best performers for Saints were centre-back Michael O'Shea who looked safe as a bank on all occasions, ably supported by Ollerenshaw and John O'Shea, whilst for Apia, giant centre-back Arno Bertogna was a tower of strength in defence as well as in attack. Pezzano and Butler, as always, did more than their share of duties.

After the match, a jubilant St George coach, Frank Arok, stated: "These two League points were vital for us to finish in the top six. We now have put



TERRY BUTLER

together five points out of the last six against top teams. This was the third time in succession we were able to field the same eleven."

Meanwhile a somewhat disgusted Apia coach, Rale Rasic, accused St George of being ultra defensive to spoil the game: "St George was unbelievable with their defence. All the second half we attacked as they soaked up the pressure."

Saints' captain, David Ratcliffe, commented: "This is our second match in a row we've managed a shut-out."

APIA: Pezzano: Stewart, Bertogna, Hristovski, Brown (Turnbull 83rd); Bundalo, Bozanic, Lorens, Butler: Parison (Morsello 46th), Baran.

ST GEORGE: Gibson: Skeen, Ratcliffe, M O'Shea, R O'Shea: Ricoy, J O'Shea, Porter (Petkovski 54th min), Ollerenshaw: Fletcher, Cotton (McKie 62nd min). Referee: G.Power. Crowd: 1,997

LOWLY INTER-MONARO SPIKES THOSE OLYMPIC BIG GUNS

INTER-MONARO coach Frank Maccarone planned to contain Sydney Olympic in the first half on the grounds that they could be frustrated as they obviously wanted to win and retain their top position.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

The plot worked to perfection as Monaro's defence consistently blocked Olympic's shots and controlled matters in the air within their penalty area.

The ultimate 1-1 scoreline ensured a happy bus trip home to Canberra and Queanbeyan.

Monaro could look with pleasure to three clear breakaways in the second half. They did not contain the meritorious build-ups that Olympic mounted from the midfield and occasionally from the back, but they went very close

indeed to success.

Olympic were on the job as early as the fourth minute when Peter Raskopoulos sent Gary Phillips forward and his shot sailed low and only just outside the post.

Vicente Estavillo, Raskopoulos and Peter Katholos moved the ball nicely, with Katholos showing that it will not be long before he completely fits back into the team.

Midway in the half the Monaro defence was living dangerously as they slipped the ball around in their back 20 metres, but they always had

enough in hand to ensure that Olympic were denied a goal.

When Monaro made their breaks Mike Coady was at the ready to eliminate the danger.

Things changed dramatically after the resumption and a cheer went up from the crowd when Marshall Soper began his warm-up procedure.

The crowd were not happy when Phillips went off, but the jeers turned to cheers as Soper scored his goal — the first for many weeks.

Monaro came back well after Tony Brennan substituted Frank D'Addario. Brennan took on everyone with a deal of success and continued to do so when he suffered a very nasty wrench to his back.

A part clearance by

Olympic let Marko Perinovic through in the 73rd minute — in fact he scored as Brennan was hunched on the ground in pain.

Monaro did not win their first corner until the 59th minute, but Atti Carbone again proved how dangerous he is from the quarter circle.

Angelo Titilas came with a header that just cleared the bar. At other times Lupco Djordjeski almost lobbed Gary Meier in spite of the keeper's great height, and Carbone brought the

best out of Meier on another occasion.

Over the season Olympic can look to five wins and eight draws in an undefeated run, but they are far from hitting their straps as they did at the beginning of the year.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Spanoudakis, Phillips (Soper 62m), Raskopoulos, Estavillo, Katholos: Kalantzis (Patalla 78th min), Johnston.

INTER-MONARO: Hoszowski, Tullewa, Williams, Gagettil, Titilas, Djordjeski (Sorenson 70m), Carbone, Walsh, Winn, Perinovic, D'Addario (Brennan 57m). Referee: T.Seacy. Crowd: 3385.

BIG AUSTRALIAN SOCCER COVER

WITH the closing of the World Cup the excitement has passed to the Olympic Airways Soccer League and the various State League and other competitions.

In addition there will soon be the visit of the Czechoslovakian national team to play Australia in an important series which will sharpen the national teams of both countries.

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OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

HENDERSON USES HEAD TO RESCUE MARCONI

BY RAY GATT of the Sydney Morning Herald

Marconi's former Socceroo captain Tony Henderson was the brunt of a few jokes from his team-mates after the 1-1 draw with Sydney City at the Sydney Athletic Field, but they, along with the Marconi fans, realised the big part he played in the result — or, more importantly, the part Hendo's head played.

As one Sydney City fan lamented: "Had it not been for Henderson's bloody big head we would have won!"

He was referring to a 56th minute incident when City's Tommy McCulloch blasted a left foot shot from point blank range inside Marconi's penalty area.

The ball was most certainly goal-bound before Henderson intercepted the shot, taking the full brunt of the impact on his head before the ball

sailed safely over the crossbar.

But, Henderson had to pay a price.

He was nearly knocked out by the ball and played the remaining 34 minutes of the match in Disneyland. He had little recollection of the match or the incident in the dressing room after the game, although his team-mates joked that he had been too slow to duck!

Sporting a fair sized lump on his forehead,

Henderson, a sick and sorry sight, had to ask pressmen about the incident and whether the ball was going to go into the net or not.

"I don't feel 100 per cent," he said, "I can't recall much of what went on."

But, I do know that I have just bought a new car and, for the life of me, I can't remember what it is or where I have parked it."

The game was not a pretty spectacle and Marconi coach Les Scheinflug summed it up perfectly when he said: "It was more a game of physical confrontation than finesse."

Indeed, referee Richard Lorenc was kept busy issuing six yellow cards — four to Marconi.

Still, Scheinflug was pleased with the outcome.

"It was a game of two halves. We dominated the first and they dominated the second."

"It is pleasing to get three points out of four against Sydney City because we have not done that for a long time."

He still, however, believes the Slickers will be the team to beat for the championship.

In the other dressing room, Slickers coach Eddie Thomson admitted he may have made a mistake by not playing Murray Barnes, who came on as a substitute in the 27th minute for the injured John Kosmina, from the start.

"Our midfield just did not give enough service to our front-runners," Thomson said.

He also allowed that his team may not be able to catch Sydney Croatia and Sydney Olympic in the race for the championship.

"It is wins, not draws we need now," he said.

Still, one bright aspect for him was the display of 17-year-old goalkeeper Brett Hughes, who performed well in his first senior match.

Hughes showed confidence and plenty of ability and he is sure to live up to Thomson's prediction that he will be a star of the future.

City took the lead in the 32nd minute when Joe Watson floated a free-kick to the far post where Gerry Gomez (who else?) was waiting to nod the ball into the net.

However, Marconi's reply was swift. Some six minutes later David Lowe planted the ball into the net after good work from Rod Brown.

For Marconi Lee Sterrey, Paul Carter, David Lowe, Rod Brown and Osvaldo El'Ali played well, while for City Tommy McCulloch, Gerry Gomez, Ean Rodrigues and Frank Farina had fine matches.

SYDNEY CITY: Hughes: Rodrigues, Gomez, Robertson, de Marigny; Watson, McCulloch, Ohana, Lee (Saad 77th min), Kosmina (Barnes 27th min), Farina. MARCONI: James: Carter, Henderson, Sterrey, Wheatley; Gray, Mason, Tredinnick; Lowe, Brown, El'Ali. Referee: Richard Lorenc.

BLACKTOWN GAME PLAN A WINNER

COACH Casey de Bruin told his players they had to guard against "frustration" and it paid dividends as they came from behind twice to beat Wollongong City 3-2 in Wollongong on Sunday.

De Bruin said after the game other teams have failed against Wollongong this season because they became frustrated.

"Their defence has been their main strength but our game plan worked and I have to praise my players for their discipline," de Bruin said.

In the other dressing-room Wolves coach John Fleming was criticising the lack of discipline shown by his players.

Fleming said his team didn't apply themselves as they should have

BY PHIL MURPHY

when they went ahead 2-1.

"Instead of going for more goals some players looked as though they felt the game was all over," Fleming said.

Without key midfielders Larry Gaffney and Bryan Cokely the Wollongong team gave the ball away far too often in this department and Leon Arcosa was by far the main culprit.

This in turn put extra pressure on the Wolves defence and they finally

cracked.

Two mistakes by usually reliable goalkeeper Warwick Young didn't help matters while the Wolves protested at a penalty awarded against them.

Referee Tony Pollard gave the kick when Blacktown's Peter Denyer was fouled behind the play.

The penalty, hit home by Denyer, allowed Blacktown to get level at 1-1 and they looked a better side from that point on.

Wollongong had gone ahead after 40 minutes through a fine header from Robert Giraldi and they deserved their 1-nil lead at the interval.

New signing Randell Easthorpe put the Wolves back in front from a goalmouth mix-up before Brett Thornthwaite made it 2-1 following a through ball from Joe Carroll.

Carroll grabbed the winner three minutes from the end with the Wollongong defence caught out badly.

Replacement Brian Allen sent the ball into the middle and Carroll had an easy task to head it over the head of an out of position Young into the net.

WOLLONGONG: Young, Green, Chilly, Vilestra, Morlando, Giraldi, Arcosa, Kotamindis, Batten, Easthorpe, Pell (Brodnik 75).

BLACKTOWN: Curtie, Willis, Knight, Denyer, Ainsworth, Byrne, Kay (Allen 68), Sandy, Slater, Carroll, Thornthwaite (Bradley 83).

Crowd: 1345. Referee: Tony Pollard, 8.



Peter Kotamindis — on a losing side.

NSL RESULTS

NORTHERN DIVISION

SYDNEY CITY 1 (G Gomez) drew with MARCONI 1 (D Lowe) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1469. ST GEORGE 1 (S Ollerenshaw) LEICHHARDT 0 at Lambert Park. Crowd: 1979.

BLACKTOWN 3 (P Denyer, B Thornthwaite, J Carroll) WOLLONGONG 2 (R Giraldi, R Easthorpe) at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 1345.

SYDNEY CROATIA 4 (Z Jurin 2, G Arnold, I Petkovic) NEWCASTLE 1 (R Maier) at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 4859.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (M Soper) drew with MONARO 1 (M Perinovic) at Pratten Park. Crowd: 3385.

CANBERRA v CANTERBURY at Bruce Stadium — postponed due to state of ground.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

PRESTON 0 drew with ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2500.

HEIDELBERG 3 (A Hunter 2, P Tsolakis) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (J Biskic) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 2000.

GREEN GULLY 2 (S McLelland, L Carter) BRISBANE CITY 1 (G Caird) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 1387.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 drew with FOOTSCRAY 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 4000.

ADELAIDE CITY 3 (S Maxwell 2, C Villani) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (R Stewart) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2000.

BRUNSWICK 2 (J Palatsides, A Zinni) SUNSHINE 1 (S Richardson) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2165.

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	8	3	2	24	9	19
Sydney Olympic	5	8	—	25	13	18
Marconi	6	4	3	20	14	16
Blacktown City	6	3	4	18	19	15
Wollongong	5	4	4	14	11	14
St George	5	4	4	16	19	14
Sydney City	3	7	3	24	19	13
Newcastle	4	5	4	21	22	13
Leichhardt	3	5	5	14	18	11
Canberra	2	4	6	10	15	8
Canterbury	2	4	6	14	20	8
Monaro	1	3	9	8	29	5

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Footscray	9	2	2	19	16	20
Brunswick	7	4	2	22	7	18
Adelaide City	6	5	2	21	11	17
H'berg	6	4	3	19	16	16
South Melbourne	6	2	5	18	12	14
Preston	4	6	3	14	9	14
S'Shine	4	6	3	14	12	14
Adelaide Hellas	4	2	7	12	18	10
Brisbane Lions	3	3	7	13	16	9
Brisbane City	2	5	6	14	28	9
Melbourne Croatia	2	4	7	11	20	8
Green Gully	2	3	8	9	21	7

—ADCCITY ARE STILL IN THE TITLE — RACE—

ADELAIDE CITY came from behind to maintain their challenge for the Southern Division title with a 3-1 win over Brisbane Lions in Adelaide.

BY TOM MCKAIN

But there was drama galore when the venue was switched from City's home ground, Olympic Sportsfield, to Hindmarsh Stadium after City's headquarters had been declared unplayable because of heavy rain over the two days before the match.

And it was ironic that the match was switched to Hindmarsh Stadium which is the headquarters of City's local rivals Adelaide Hellas.

The drama was there from the kick off with City fighting to stay in the top three while Lions were battling to survive in the top seven for next year's 14-team Super League competition.

Local fans were shattered when the Queenslanders struck first with a brilliant goal from midfielder Russell Stewart in the fifth minute.

He gave young goalkeeper Steve Nisicli no chance as he came in on the left with the home defence spread wide.

Steve Maxwell, who had started the season in brilliant fashion with a

five goal burst and then faded, came to City's rescue in the 11th minute.

The bull-like front runner collected a ball after a Joe Mullen-Aurielo Vidmar move to destroy Wayne Evans in the Lions goal.

And it was Maxwell who struck again in the 33rd minute when midfielder Adrian Santrac came in from the left to cross the ball for Maxwell to send it home.

The clincher came from Charlie Villani in the 67th minute when Santrac was there again to lay on the ball for the charging Villani who had worked hard all day to give the Lions defence all sorts of trouble.

But while the home team took out the two points not everything had gone their way. David Richardson had caused all sorts of confusion in the home defence along with Russell Stewart when he came forward and also Jarrod Austin.

Towards the end of the game Lions coach Col Bennet came on to the field in a last desperate effort to save the situation but while he still looked the part as a former Socceroo there was no way his team could salvage the point.

Lions had taken the field with their fans promising to pay them \$15,000 if they could make the top seven cut-off for the Super League next year.

And while they had provided entertainment along with City for the frozen and windswept fans at Hindmarsh it is doubtful if they will make the elite top seven in the Southern League.

City are at home again this weekend against Preston who were held to a draw by Adelaide Hellas and Adelaide City coach Zoran Matic at last predicted that his team would make the top five playoffs and the 14-team Super League for 1987.

However, he may have to struggle on Sunday depending on a decision if there is a hearing on a possible suspension of centreback Neville Flounders and a booking against striker Joe Mullen.

ADELAIDE CITY: Nisicli, Nyskohous, Tobin, Shillabeer, Flounders, Matic, Santrac, Villani, Vidmar (Wilde 74), Maxwell, Mullen. LIONS: Evans, Basingthwaite, Liddell, Armit, R Stewart, Ogden, J Stewart, Richardson, Morton,

Austin (Bennet 85). Referee: T Martell SA. Crowd: 1980.



STEVE MAXWELL.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

JUVENTUS MOVE CLOSER TO LEAD AFTER THRILLER

In a game of two distinct parts Juventus defeated Sunshine 2-1 and moved a point closer to league leaders Footscray JUST, who could only manage a draw with Hellas.

Spectators could have been justified in demanding their money back after a spiritless first 45 minutes in which neither team could manage to string three passes together.

Luckily after the break the match produced goals, penalties and brilliant goalkeeping at both ends to more than compensate.

Sunshine were let off the hook in the 16th minute when Juve's first corner was headed on to the upright by captain Brian Brown. Minutes later at the other end Yacka Banovic pulled off what turned out to be only the first of many excellent saves for Juve when he parried John Markovski's free-kick from 25 metres.

Indeed, it was interesting to note the close marking that 16-year-old Markovski was getting which only emphasised how much attention this brilliant youngster is receiving from opposition teams.

Neither midfield took over at any stage of the first half and both sets of forwards were given little freedom, consequently the game was untidy and not much of a spectacle.

Probably the best opportunity in the first half fell to Sunshine striker Mark Lennon who got himself into a one-on-one situation with Banovic but he shot wide and failed to give the home team what would have been a vital advantage going in at half time.

The deadlock was



BY CARLO DEL PORTO

broken in the 52nd minute by Juve's Joe Palatsides who had an easy put away after the Sunshine defence had failed to effectively clear a corner.

Sunshine immediately pushed forward and were only foiled by Banovic when he again saved a Lennon snap shot.

Then just as they appeared to be clawing their way back into the game they conceded a second goal, though in fairness this second setback was more the result of a well-worked move by Juventus.

Palatsides' timely run found Paul Wade and his best flick fell perfectly for Andrew Zinni in space and the speedy winger's resulting drive was unstoppable.

Sunshine were now desperately seeking a breakthrough but still couldn't find it although it must be said that their forward thrusts were causing occasional problems for the Juve defenders who at times were panicking.

In the 85th minute with the match seemingly heading for a 2-nil win to the visitors Palatsides again began a solo run only to be indiscriminately brought down in the penalty box, causing the referee to have no choice but to order a spot kick.

Incredibly, Sean Keogh saved Brian Brown's penalty and just two minutes later at the other end Juve conceded a penalty, this time for a foul on Noel Mitten committed by fullback Eddie Campbell.

Richardson made no mistake this time and Banovic had finally been beaten. The match ended 2-1 much to the relief of the Juventus players and fans who only too well could sense that Sunshine would have been very difficult to contain had there been another 20 minutes to play.

JUVENTUS: Banovic, Lewis, Yzendoorn, Brown, Campbell, Petersen, Wade, Cullen, Zinni, Patterson, Palatsides. (subs Sweeney, Veanaver).

SUNSHINE: Keogh, Campbell, Parton, James, Richardson, Faulkner, McLaren, Gilder, Bain (Mitten) Markovski (Innes).

HELLAS 0 FOOTSCRAY 0

A big crowd of over 6,000 witnessed this match of the day but it turned out to be a disappointment.

League leaders Footscray JUST again failed to fire but South Melbourne could not take advantage of their dominance so the points were shared.

The highlight of the game was the world class save by Footscray keeper Nikitovic after Richard Miranda rifled in a wicked shot that had

also taken a deflection on the way.

The Footscray keeper and Hellas' Bobby Russell were both outstanding in an otherwise lifeless draw.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowell, Halford, Murphy, Davidson, Miranda, Egan, Stevenson.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Darajtakovic, Karic, Vukovic, Spink (Atanastovski), Curovic (Belle), Stolic, Tapal, Lujic, Latif.

MELB CROATIA 1 HEIDELBERG 3

Croatia president Joe Sigur had to be physically restrained as he fired verbal broadsides at referee Roger Doenau as well as police after his side was beaten 3-1 by Heidelberg.



YACKA BANOVIC files high for Brunswick.

"Why do we have to put up with mediocre referees from interstate when our referees are sitting idle," said Sigur after his side conceded what were in his opinion two harsh penalty decisions.

In the 48th minute Katsakidis was brought down and Alan Hunter converted to put Heidelberg one up.

Croatia responded and had chances to score with Markovac and Gojevic but they failed to make the most of two gilt-edged opportunities. On the hour however, Biskic finally equalised with a magnificent Brazilian-type shot that was away from



PETER LAUMETS, an under-rated keeper, is in control for South Melbourne.

CITY FACING THE BIG AXE

BY GREG RUSSELL

Brisbane City moved a step closer to inevitable NSL axing with a dismal 2-1 loss to last placed Southern Division team Green Gully at Spencer Park.

The result continued City's horror run at home. The team has yet to score a victory at Spencer Park this season.

But it also confirmed what club officials have refused to believe — their team is just not good enough this season.

Before this match Green Gully had won only one game and scored seven goals. But the Melbourne team could have won this match handsomely.

Scott Frazer missed a first half penalty and Brisbane City goalkeeper Robert Harrison made several fine saves to keep his team in the game in the first half.

Gully, playing for the first time under Gus McLeod who had replaced George Murray mid-week, also must have realised they too will not make the 14-team NSL Cut. But if they can repeat this form they will at least go out with dignity.

That's more than what can be said about Brisbane City.

The match started at a torrid pace with players on both sides more content on unloading the ball than building moves. As a result the ball often found its way into the air and little football was played.

But Green Gully started to get things together quicker than City and the signs were ominous when Tom Cumming nearly scored in the 17th minute. Only a good save from Harrison, the first of several kept Gully out.

But nine minutes later the visitors broke through in a move which began on the right. The ball found Danny Ward on the left and his good header was well blocked by Harrison. The ball fell for Cumming and his powerful header was again brilliantly stopped by Harrison.

But the City keeper was waging a lone battle as defenders stood by, and when the ball fell

for a third time, Steve McLelland ended the matter by driving it into the net.

In the 34th minute Green Gully unsuccessfully appealed for a penalty for a trip on Cumming. But with seconds to half time they were given a spot kick after a handball by Rod Vasquez.

Harrison was again at his best to stop Frazer's shot to the left.

An Alan Reis attempt 10 minutes after the break nearly put City on level terms but another Green Gully penalty in the 59th minute put the issue beyond doubt.

Brisbane referee Bill Monteverde, who has shown earlier this season he will tolerate no rough tackling in the box, had no hesitation in pointing to the spot when City defenders brought down Cumming.

Les Carter took the kick this time and sent Harrison the wrong way.

Green Gully were content to see out the time with their 2-nil lead and City's attempts to get into the game amounted to a few shots, mostly wide or high. But the side picked up a consolation goal after Kieran Cooper showed all his skills. He finished with a back heel to sell the defence and George Caird slotted the ball in from wide on the right.

City coach Billy Wilkinson after the match was as frustrated as his clubs' officials and fans and summed up the situation when he said: "The club deserves to play national league, but unfortunately some of the players don't."

BRISBANE CITY: Harrison, Caird, Perry, Vasquez, Guiglelmino (Catalano 70), Falconer, White (Fabrizio 56), Mengotti, Bromfield, Reis, Cooper.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hogen, Douglas, Frazer, Cannell, Carter, Ward (Koca 82), Cumming (Kadlecik 71), Campbell, Theodoropoulos, McLelland. Referee: Bill Monteverde. Crowd: about 500.

GOALS AND STYLE IN— CROATIA WIN—

SYDNEY CROATIA put together a stylish display to dispose of Newcastle Rosebud 4-1 at the Croatian Sports Centre.

The game was a football connoisseurs delight as Croatia took command of the match and used the ball with all their technique and skill not to mention score some of the most brilliant goals ever likely to be scored.

Yet Croatia weren't always on top and in fact struggled against an aggressively attacking Newcastle outfit in the first 10 minutes.

But slowly and surely the home side gathered momentum to overpower the Rosebuds.

Zeljko Jurin opened the account after 22 minutes when he latched onto a marvellous 40 metre pass from stopper Ante Rumora. Jurin confronted ex-Kiwi international keeper Clint Gosling and tucked the ball into the far corner.

Rumora was in great

BY FRANK COLETTA

form and seemed to relish the move to the centre of defence. His distribution in forming attacks was first class and his blotting out of dangerous situations was sometimes cheeky and arrogant.

Newcastle may have in fact equalised on the half hour when Paul Crabtree and John Cavanah worked to get Sean Ingham into a scoring position but the former Youth international sent the ball sailing over the bar.

Newcastle were made to pay very dearly for that miss when eight minutes later Croatia posted their second goal.

Zarko Odzakovic sent the ball out to the win-

ger Jurin whose cross was met with a fabulous header by Graham Arnold.

Croatia then turned on the style in the second half with the game well in hand and duly made it 3-0 in the 51st minute with another monumental goal.

Playing his first full game for the Croatian outfit was Ivor Petkovic and he capped off a fine personal performance when he collected the ball on the edge of the area, dribbled his way past three defenders and slotted the ball in for a great solo goal.

In a game of memorable goals, Newcastle's Ralph Maier put himself on the scoresheet one minute after Croatia grabbed their third. Maier latched on to a corner from the right and rifled a left foot shot into the top right hand

corner.

But Sydney Croatia fashioned the finish in the 63rd minute with another wonderful goal.

Arnold distributed the ball to Jurin on the right from his own goal-mouth.

Jurin raced down the touchline and found Petkovic in the centre circle. The new recruit then released it to the marauding Arnold on the left.

Arnold entered the area and struck the far post with a fierce drive but Jurin was on hand to slam the ball in.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Razo, Jennings, Rumora, Kovacic (Dragicevic 72), Rozic, Petkovic (Clich 65), Jurin, Savor, Arnold, Odzakovic.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Milosevic, Owens, Bannan, Garland (Heip 81), MacQuarrie, Maier, Crabtree, Cavanah, Jones, Ingham.

Crowd: 4859 Referee: B. Upjohn

ASW'S JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY FOOTBALL — WORLD'S APART

AS Argentina's 22 year old Jorge Burruchaga slid home his team's World Cup winning goal my mind immediately flashed back to the Sydney Sports Ground in 1981.

There in the opening round of the 1981 World Youth Championship Australia beat defending champions Argentina 2-1 in a real thriller.

Playing for Argentina that day was Jorge Burruchaga.

So too were Nestor Clausen and Daniel Tapia both of whom played for Argentina in the Mexican World Cup finals.

Five years later Burruchaga, Clausen and Tapia were helping their country win the World Cup while our boys, the ones who beat these same players, were all over the place.

And really all this summarises Australian Soccer's problem. At youth (under 16 and under 19) Australia has proven it can match the best in the world.

Brian Emery tells me Australia is rated 12th in world standings at youth level.

The problem of course is that while we can match, if not beat, the world at youth level it all falls apart at senior level.



OSCAR CRINO

The reason is simple. While Burruchaga and company return home to become full time professionals with top clubs and play in the best leagues available our players return to part time set ups, a relatively poorer league, less international competition and also have to

work at a career of some kind. Many of our past youth team stars opt for a career at the expense of football.

For example former young Soccerroo Danny Moulis is now one of the bright young attorneys around Canberra and Ian Rowden already holds down a senior executive position with Coca Cola Bottlers.

Others like Patikas, Crino, Mitchell, Bernal and Krncevic play professionally in Europe, the remainder like Peter Raskopoulos, Robbie Wheatley, Paul Kay, Grant Lee, Mark Kousas, Steve Blair, Peter Treddinnick and company hold down day job and play part time.

For Australia to convert this unquestioned talent at youth level into our senior Soccerroos is Australian Soccer's problem.

In a chat with AIS sport Soccer boss Jimmy Shoulder, he touched on the possibility of Australia becoming, like Denmark, an exporter of Soccer players.

Our leading players would play overseas, provided they were all released for national team duty.

Under this system the Crinos, Krncevics, Mitchells, Patikas, Ber-

nals, Dorigos and Johnstons (boo if you like) would bring their first class club experience back to the national team.

Alternatively Australia has to provide a higher class of domestic competition.

Which, as all involved with our current national Soccer league know, is easier said than done.

The one way I could see it happening is a complete re-organisation of our domestic set up.

We need a World Series Cricket set up for our national team. The players play for their clubs (along Sheffield Shield lines) however the top players play an intensive domestic season of international matches against world class opponents.

In the close season the Soccerroos play overseas.

Only by providing more international competition, more money for the better players and the opportunity to train and play on a full time basis can Australian realise its true potential at international level.

Unless we can provide that, we are going to watch more Burruchagas, or players we can beat at youth level, go on and win World Cups for their countries.

Jorge Burruchaga scores for Argentina against Bulgaria. Look at his progress says Johnny Warren.



JORGE BURRUCHAGA scores for Argentina against Bulgaria. Look at his progress says Johnny Warren.



THIS WEEK
JOHNNY WARREN
DISCUSSES THE
IMMENSE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN OUR CODE
AND THAT OF
OVERSEAS



Bathurst 3 Wellington 2.

ROUND 5

Dubbo 3 Bathurst 0.

WEST REGION

GIRLS' ROUND 1

Canobolas 8 Con-dobolin 0, Kelso 3 Oberon 0.

ROUND 2

Canobolas 2 Wellington 1, Cowra 0 Dubbo 6, Forbes 0 Young 2, Molong 2 Orange 1.

GIRLS' ROUND 1

Wiley Park 8 Wilkins 1, Randwick Girls' 9 JJ Cahill 0, Tempe 1 Beverley Hills 7, Dulwich 0 Canterbury Girls' 13, Caringbah 0 Heathcote 8

THEY CALL HIM "WHACKER"

CANBERRA friends ask me when am I going to reply to the latest back page attack on Soccer by a Canberra "journor" who, my basketball and rugby league mates tell me is referred to as "Whacker" in their circles.

The answer is a very simple — never. Anyone who tells Soccer people that the World Cup was in Spain, that 16 teams play in the finals and that the finalists are decided "on a loose geographical basis" really can't be taken seriously. Can they "Whacker"?

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SOUTH COAST

ROUND 1

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ROUND 2

Warrawong 0 Lake Illawarra 1, Oak Flats 2* Dapto 2, Moruya 1 Bomaderry 6, Shoalhaven 0 Eden 1, Figtree 9 Smith Hill 2, Bowral 1 Mulwaree 3, Goulburn 2 Queenbeyan 1.

ROUND 3

Bomaderry 4 Eden 0, Mulwaree 2 Goulburn 4.

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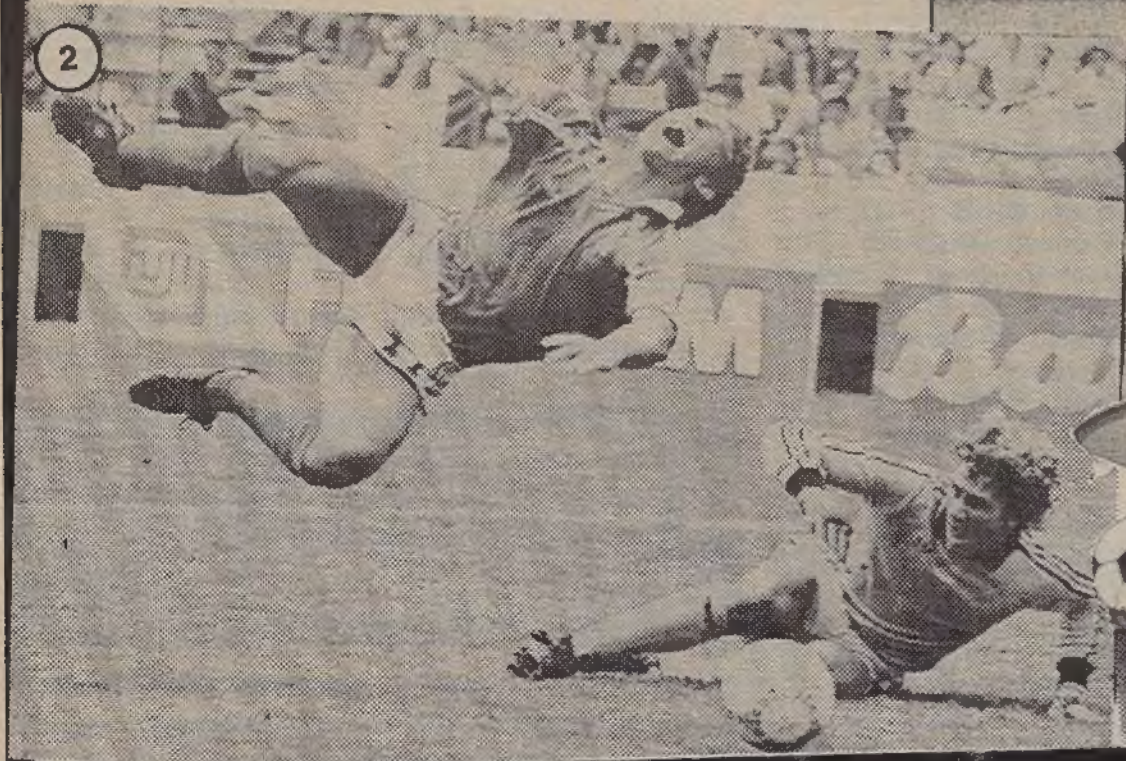
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... WORLD CUP SNAPSOTS ...

- 1—ARGENTINA ARE WORLD CHAMPIONS! Captain DIEGO MARADONA holds the greatest prize in football aloft as he is chaired by his team-mates.
- 2—JEAN-PIERRE PAPIN is upended by Jean-Marie Pfaff in the France 4-2 win over Belgium for third spot. Papin was hailed as a lethal finisher yet although he did score two goals in the competition he missed some that were unforgivable!
- 3—YANNICK STOPYRA one of the French discoveries flies above Italy's Pietro Vierchowod and Giuseppe Galderisi in the second round match. Vierchowod tried hard but Galderisi was an utter failure up front for the 1982 World Champions.
- 4—FRANK ARNESEN comes a cropper against West Germany. Seconds after this foul he was sent off for retaliation. He was easily missed as Denmark went out to Spain in the second round.
- 5—HANDS UP! Yes Diego Maradona did handle the ball in, so he proved he may have been a pretty useful keeper also.
- 6—THE dramatic final minutes of the BELGIUM-USSR quarter-final as Larionov leaps over the challenge of Renquin. Belgium won 4-3.
- 7—BEAUTY!!! Pedro Pablo Pasculli is mobbed after putting his side through to second round with a one goal win over Uruguay.
- 8—OUCH! STOPYRA is not given any mercy by Andreas Brehme of West Germany in France's fateful semi-final. Brehme had a fine World Cup at fullback.
- 9—1-0! THE World Cup Final and Argentinian hero JOSE LUIS BROWN heads the first goal as German keeper Harald Schumacher is stranded by his own misadventure. Brown played the last half an hour with a dislocated shoulder and his performance was outstanding.
- 10—BRUNO BELLONE takes on MICHEL RENQUIN in the 3rd and 4th play-off match.
- 11—THE WINNER! JORGE BURRUCHAGA confronts Schumacher as he prepares to slot the ball in for Argentina's third goal in their 3-2 Final win. Chasing in vain is the now retired form international footballer Hans-Peter Briegel.
- 12—ELATION! Belgium are in the semi! They have disposed of Spain 5-4 on penalties.
- 13—LA BOTA DEL MUNDIAL! GARY LINKER of England and now of Barcelona took out the Golden Boot for the most goals in the World Cup — six in total.
- 14—Northern Ireland captain SAMMY MCILROY is brought down by an Algerian in the first round.

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CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

ADELAIDE Hellas are saying "no comment" — at least when we want to press — on a report on SBS TV that they were trying to sign a former Polish World Cup player.

The name is Marek Bziuba, former captain and a key man in the 1982 World Cup.

We are inclined to believe them, as they need a defender like a hole in the head.

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FUNDS may be a bit short at Canberra City, but the relationship between the players and the board is good.

Last year they combined to send the squad to "Manis Lamondville," otherwise known as Port Moresby, for two November games.

One was against a Port Moresby selection and the other against the PNG full national team.

At the end of this season the lads are looking towards the Pacific again. It will be either New Caledonia or Fiji. Fund-raising starts in earnest on July 20, when the players are running a smoko with comedian Dave Burke. It is open to all gents, and the price of a ticket includes a sit-down meal.

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IF there was one player who Inter-Monaro coach Frank Maccaroni would have liked to have all year it was the multi-talented Bas Giampaolo. After returning from a long injury spell Bas has been in trouble again. It could be another month before he is back in the team.

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WORD is that Sydney Croatia has its eyes on Adelaide for at least one player for next season.

If our information is correct, it's Socceroo defender Robbie Dunn, currently with Adelaide Hellas.

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WHILE on Dunn, he and fellow Socceroo team-mate Charlie Yankos were not am used after the recent 1-1 draw with Brisbane City.

Some spectators spat on them as they went up the players' race at the end of the game.

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WHAT well known rugby league writer gave up a chance to do a ninety minute program on 2KY to go and coach a junior Soccer team?

The Linfield Under 7 K side from the Kuring-gal Association took priority before flying out to New Zealand on the morning of the 1st rugby league Test between the Kiwis and Australia.

His name — GEOFF PRENTER, the Sydney Sun's Chief rugby league writer (who in fact began his journalistic career on the Daily Telegraph as a Soccer scribe in the pre-NSW Federation days).

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IF SA's Hellas survives and makes the "super" league next season, watch for another outstanding youngster.

He's Jim Keramidas, a slim, sharp forward who has what it takes to make the national competition.

The front runner is starring in the club's national reserves team which plays in Adelaide's State League First Division.



CHARLIE YANKOS

BLACK mark for Wollongong City...

Talented utility player Scott Dickson is out of action for the season with a knee injury but recently missed out on a trip to Canberra to watch the Wolves play Canberra City.

Dickson has been a regular at training all year. "It makes me feel still part of the squad," he says.

He has been at every home and away game, including Newcastle and Monaro, but didn't get to see the Canberra City match.

The players went down on the Saturday to say overnight and there wasn't any room on the supporters' bus for Dickson.

It seems the club had overbooked the bus by three people.

That isn't very good player relations, particularly as Dickson has indicated he wants to stay with the Wolves next year if they are still in the NSL.

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CANBERRA CITY midfielder, Jim Hamilton, moved to Canberra after Canberra's match against Marconi on June 22. Jim and wife Susan, with household effects filling the station wagon, followed the team bus from Marconi stadium back to the highway. Jim, who works as a storeman, got a job at Fyshwick with one of the clients of his Sydney firm. Susan's task was easier; she simply transferred to the Canberra branch of her employer. Jim has fitted in well with his new teammates, even before being able to train with them. He reckons that training three nights a week in frosty Canberra will be just the thing to sharpen up his sprinting, never the strong point of his game.

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NOT too many people would have noticed Gary Power didn't control the Marconi Wollongong City recently.

A week earlier Power was severely criticised by Wolves coach John Fleming after two very dubious decisions he made in the match against Sydney City.

Anyone who saw film of the match would agree Fleming had very good grounds for protest and the coach made it clear he feels referees tend to lean towards the more established clubs in these situations.

Power was appointed to the Marconi-Wollongong game — his name was even listed in the programme — but when Graham Warne turned up the official reason going around the ground was that Power had the 'flu.

Strange how he appeared at the Sydney Athletic Field that same afternoon to handle the Canterbury-Sydney Olympic match.

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STEVE MAXWELL, Adelaide City front runner, has admitted he has had offers from Melbourne to switch clubs next season.

But the big bustler in concentrating on keeping his club in the top echelon in the Southern League before thinking about his future.

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ST GEORGE's Andy Koczka has been in the wars. After recovering from injuries that resulted from a car smash he has had to stand down with a chipped bone in his ankle.

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STEVE CALDERAN's 1986 season with Marconi is unfortunately over. He has torn ligaments and surgery has been recommended.

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SOME people who follow both Soccer and rugby league in Sydney might have known that last week St. George rugby league side were not playing because of their bye. But not if you were at the Marconi Stadium!

As the line-ups for the Marconi — Wollongong City match were being put over the P.A. it was heard that Wollongong's keeper was Craig Young!

Of course it was his brother Warwick Young but maybe Craig was making a return to the game he once played so well in his younger days?

No, not really — just a real big blooper by the Marconi voice — we won't mention his name will we George?!

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FORMER Socceroo and Adelaide City forward Johnny Nyskohus looks like being back in the game for the rest of the season — as a player.

Coach of SA State League club Beograd, he turned out as sweeper when his team was hit by injuries and suspensions.

He is still there with a full strength team, and the fans say he must play on as the club makes a late run for the title with six rounds to play.

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KEN KAISER and Keith Harris have had to move out of the operation of the outstanding Newcastle Indoor Soccer promotion, Australian Speedsoccer Pty Ltd at Cardiff.

Darryl Wallace, who played First Division football with Newcastle Austral, Wallsend, Mayfield and Hamilton Azzurri, is the new manager. He also represented both New England and the Northern Tablelands. His business career has been him extensively involved in the finance industry.

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CANBERRA CITY's player-coach, Steve Bryant, is a man of characteristic truthfulness when analysing a game.

"I reckoned we played some of our best football of the year in the first half against Marconi," he said, "and I was to blame when Rod Brown scored with his first touch two minutes after half-time."

Brown took the ball down the right, and of course, Steve plays left back, so it was his territory that was penetrated.

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STEVE, who plays under captain Tommy Sermanni on the pitch, took himself off with about 10 minutes to go, so that he could see what had gone wrong. His diagnosis is that Canberra stopped the slow build-ups that had worked so well and tried to run at Marconi after going a goal down.

Out Marconi way they reckon the game was so dramatically changed because Rod Brown and Ian Gray came off the bench after the break.

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RICHARD HARTLEY, Highfields Azzurri.

RICHARD HARTLEY was a top player few seasons ago but decided to try his hand at coaching. At present he is mentor of the Highfields Azzurri club in the Northern NSW First Division. His methods are sometimes unorthodox but they are proving effective as his club appears to be heading for a place in the end of season playoffs.

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INJURIES have taken their toll out Seven Hills way. Blacktown's Don McLeod has his ankle in plaster and will be indeed lucky if he is back on deck in six weeks time.

The knock occurred in the recent Sydney Olympic game. Apparently team captain John Bradley arranged things a bit better. He broke a bone in his wrist but has been able to carry on.



STEVE CALDERAN

THERE were chants of "Zoran, Zoran" when Adelaide City and Footscray returned to the latter's clubrooms after their recent clash.

The City players were mystified as they turned to their coach, Zoran Matic.

But he quickly explained the cries were for the Footscray keeper, Zoran Nikitovic, who had defied City's efforts to repeat the 7-1 win they racked up at home earlier in the season.

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STEVE ATSALAS, Adelaide Hellas midfielder who starred over the last three years, is ready for a comeback.

Out this season after a knee operation, he has been working his way back on the training track and for the last three weeks has turned out for the reserves in the SA State League.

His last two performances have been "magic", and he could be back on the national scene within the next two weeks.

WHEN Wollongong City signed midfielder Richard Peil hours before the transfer deadline he became the fifth player to join the club from last season's Fairy Meadow side.

The other are Warwick Young, Reg Chilby, Jock Morlando and Robert Giraldi.

Wolves' coach John Fleming was in charge at Fairy Meadow last season and he is confident Peil will handle the rise in class just as well as the other four players did.

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THERE is plenty of life in Blacktown's ever-green midfielder, former Socceroo Gary Byrne. Against Canberra Gary produced the corner kicks from which both Blacktown City's goals were scored — one from the right and the other from the left.

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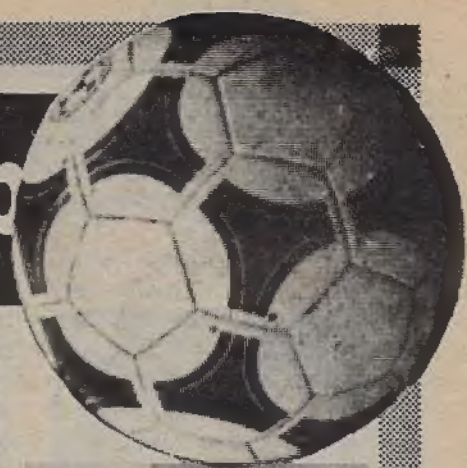
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CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club



HOW ironic it was that JOSE LUIS BROWN nodded home the first goal of the World Cup final against West Germany for Argentina.

He was signed up only a little while prior to the World Cup by German club FC Stuttgart! What a way to say thanks!

CANBERRA — waited 12 round before they won a penalty kick — shades of the days when both Frank Farina and Manis Lamond earnt penalties with regularity. The 1986 penalty came against Blacktown and Ian Gibson was aghast when he rammed it on to the post.

CANBERRA CITY is serious about its fund-raising, or is it? After a funding scare early in the season, a group of Greek businessmen, not members of the committee, said they'd help.

One local Greek shopkeeper with a tiny business reported that last week the chaps called on him for a \$50 donation. He gave it, too, which is pretty decent of him when you think that his son plays in Inter-Monaro's youth team!

ON the other hand ... Canberra is raffling a Mercedes at \$50 a ticket, to be drawn next month, and a maximum of 2000 tickets to be sold.

One life member of the club reports that he has tried to buy two tickets on each of his last three visits to the club, but no one had any tickets on the premises.

He hopes that there are lots of little shopkeepers chipping in their \$50. They don't even get a chance to win a prize.

IT seems that owning a car is a hazardous business with ASW staff.

You see over the last month the two cars in Frank Colletta's household have both been written off. Ray Gatt's new vehicle was ripped off (stolen), as was that of John Economos and smashed also.

As yet none of them are saddled up. Risky business.

MANLY WARRINGAH Soccer Club held its inaugural World Soccer Quiz Competition on Friday 6th of June at the Manly Club.

The competition and the night in general was a great success, fun was had by both competitors and members of the audience.

The comp consisted of five teams competing against each other in knockout rounds. The winners of the night were the "Noth and South" team made up of Tommy Gavin, Mark Karton and Garry Duckling. The runner-up was the team "Prima Donnas", the other teams that participated were the "Late Comers", "British Bulldogs" and the "Tipperary Tiptoes".

The Club plans to run the Quiz on a regular basis eventually establishing an inter-club competition. Manly extended their thanks to ASW's Frank Colletta for providing many of the questions.



JOSE LUIS BROWN

SOME visiting Melbourne teams have requested neutral referees whenever they play in Brisbane. But you can't blame Queenslanders for raising their eyebrows when the "neutral official" for the recent game between the Lions and Preston was Melbourne's Stuart Mellings!

QSF President Ian Brusasco, the tour leader for the Kodak Kids to China last year, was quick to point out that last week's World Cup finalists — Argentina and West Germany — were both nations Australia beat in the first round of the inaugural World Under 16 championships. "Where are we going wrong?" he asked.

AS part of James Hardie Industries involvement with Canberra City Olympians it sponsors the ACT Schoolboys championship, the ACT Girls knock out Cup and a knock out competition for under 12 teams in the ACT.

The Girls final between Melba and Hughes will be played prior to the Canberra City v St George match at Bruce Stadium on July 20.

In the under 12 Cup, Belconnen North meets Belconnen West in one semi final whilst Tuggeranong meets the winner of the Canberra City Olympians and Weston Creek.

The final of this competition will be played prior to Canberra's last home match of the season against Marconi on September 14.



SIMONE NICOD with JEFF GREEN and president DAVE WILLIAMS.

SIMONE STRENGTHENS NORTHERN NSW STAFF

BY BILL TURNER

A HAPPY trio from the Northern NSW Soccer Federation at a recent promotions evening. From left to right: Jeff Green, Director, David Williams, President and Simone Nicod who is an assistant to the Federation Secretary Helen Lewis.

Jeff is an energetic young man with considerable talent and his contribution is greatly appreciated.

David Williams is a man steeped in the Soccer code and his wise and judicious leading of the states' senior body is respected in all parts of Northern NSW.

Simone is the newest member of the Federation Office in Bryant Street, Adamstown where she has joined Helen Lewis and Narelle Dean.

She is a most attractive young lady with a delightful personality and a welcoming smile that is positively infectious.

FOREVER on the look-out for quality players, Wollongong City came within an inch of nabbing the signature of English International — TONY WOODCOCK.

Coach John Fleming is a close friend of the Arsenal player, who after much deliberation, declined the offer but made a suggestion to Fleming as concerning another player, Fleming was not interested.

TWELVE hundred paying spectators saw the Croatian Deakin Juventus ACT Soccer Federation match at Deakin Oval last week. Meanwhile across town only 300 odd turned out for the Apia-Inter Monaro match.

WHEN the South Melbourne Swans were re-located to Sydney it was natural they be called the Sydney Swans. But talk about the Fitzroy Lions being switched to Brisbane next year has raised the interesting poser: "Will they be called the Brisbane Lions?" Officials from the lone-established Richlands-based NSL club say definitely not, and have ensured the name is well and truly tied up before it is even considered by the VFL moguls.

POOR old Tony Henderson was a sick and sorry sight after Marconi's match against Sydney City, which ended 1-1.

Hendo did not remember much about the game or about his match saving effort in the 56th minute when he blocked a blazing, point blank shot from Tommy McCulloch — with his head! So hard did Tommy hit the shot that Tony was nearly knocked out and played the rest of the match in Disneyland.

"I can't remember much at all," Henderson said, "I only finally cleared the cobwebs with about five minutes to go."

Later, in the dressing room, Tony coped a ribbing from his team-mates, many of whom reckon the only reason he blocked the shot was because he was too slow to get out of the way!

Hendo still was not 100 per cent after the match.

Sporting a fair size lump, he said: "I've just bought a new car, but, for the life of me I can't remember what make it is or where I have parked it!"

ALAN FOCHE, Queensland Soccer's down of statisticians, has pointed out that by allowing penalties to decide games in the later stages of the World Cup, it is quite possible a team could win the World's premier trophy without scoring a proper goal.

As Fouche points out a team could play three scoreless draws in the first round and with three points and a zero goals difference almost certainly would make the cut to the second round. They then could play a scoreless draw in every game to the final, winning each match solely on a penalty shootout. Naturally it would be a freak occurrence but surely such rules should not exist in the World Cup because sooner or later, there will always be the freak occurrence.



HELEN LEWIS



NARELLE DEAN.

QUOTE of the year candidate came from the Apia-St George game last Sunday — and it came from a well known player.

The player, without a hint of a smile, declared, in reference to a recent story in the Daily Telegraph in which Apia coach Rale Rasic said he could take two points off Arok anytime: "He might be able to get two points off Frank Arok when he wants, but whether he can take points off the St George players is another thing."

SEEN at about 2pm in the press box at the Sydney Athletic Field on Sunday were several keen-eyed soccer writers.

No, the Sydney City-Marconi match did not kick off early, rather the interest centred around an under 17 women's match between NSW and WA.

The lads were quite impressed with the standard (and some of the good looking talent on show as well!).

One pressman was heard to say: "Oh to be 17 again."

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HANDBALL!

HAVING watched countless replays at Maradona's two goals(?) against England, I can only feel admiration for the actions of the English team during Diego's run for the goal that was a goal.

Having seen the same player put his team in front with tactics that even juniors do not get away with, not one of the English players attempted to hack him down.

One cannot help but wonder what would have happened if it had been Spain, Uruguay or Italy he was playing against.

From a country whose supporters are labelled 'animals' it is refreshing to see that whatever happens on the terraces does not rub off on the players.

In other countries it seems to be the opposite.

Vic Heath,
Duffy, ACT

PEN FRIEND WANTED

MY name is Sven Bettzieche and I am 18 years old and I'm a boy from Eastern Germany.

I'm interested in Soccer in Australia. I am searching for a pen friend in your country with their hobby Soccer. I live in Pohritzsch, this village is near Leipzig and Halle.

Soccer is in our republic's popular sport. I hope you will write me!

Please sent a letter to me.

Thank you very much.
Sven Bettzieche,
DDR/GDR — 7271
Pohritzsch 39
Kreis Delitzsch
German Democratic Republic

PS: Who is the champion 1986 in Soccer-League of Australia? Can I exchange club badges.

WORLD CUP — THE HARD WAY

I would like to comment on a couple of items that have appeared in your paper:

The winging by the ASF and many sports-writers about Australia having to play Scotland to qualify for the World Cup leaves me cold.

What does the ASF want — a free ride to the grand final.

We should welcome any and all obstacles placed in front of us by FIFA.

Only by playing and beating some of the world's best can we then say we are good enough for the World Cup finals.

Anyone watching the World Cup games must surely admit that at the moment we are not good enough.

Our game lacks consistent skill and we rely far too much on physical play.

So please stop the crying and begin to build a style of play that will prove that we can hold our own with the world's best.

To do this will require a total rethink by players, coaches and referees.

Players must build up their level of ball skill and fitness.

Coaches must not instruct teams to adopt strong-arm tactics.

Referees must be firmer on players for foul tackles; too often we see players sent off for dissent yet they are allowed to commit fouls all game.

So let us all work toward building a cleaner, faster, more skilful game and then we will be ready for the World Cup and we will win.

The second item I wish to comment on is the talk of promotion of Soccer in Australia.

Promotion must begin from within. Why don't the NSL clubs send

players out of the city on weekend visits to the country.

We in Wagga Wagga are subjected to a string of Rugby and Rules players on visits, so why not some NSL Soccer players.

It may be difficult to have the star players, but surely most NSL clubs have players who for one reason or another are not required on a given weekend.

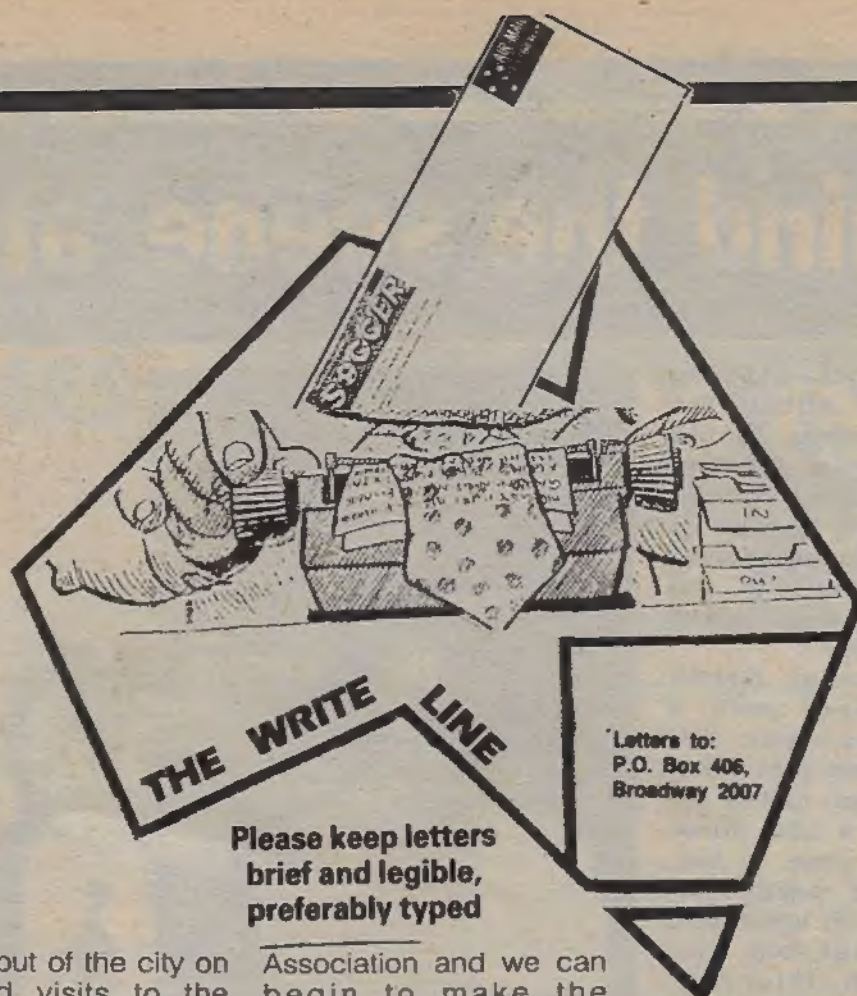
While country associations do not have a lot of money they could I'm sure find the cost of accommodation for a visit by one or two NSL players for a weekend.

Sir, I get so sick of listening to Junior Soccer players who can name all Sydney Rugby clubs and VFL clubs and their players, yet would not even know any NSL clubs let alone the players.

So how about the ASF and the NSL club's taking a look outside their own little backyards at the real world.

Who knows — Australia may have a Maradona or Platini waiting to be discovered.

Should any club wish to take up their challenge they can contact me or the Wagga



Please keep letters brief and legible, preferably typed

Association and we can begin to make the arrangements.

Ray D. Verdon,
7 Kywong Pl, Koorlingal 2650.

PS: More Soccer people must get their news-agent trained like I have. Once I used to have to wait for him to find ASW now it is the first paper on on the stand.

(The case to the NSL clubs and the ASF is very compelling. In addition country TV exposure is vital as Soccer cannot progress without the country. — Ed)

THE WOLVES' CHARGES

ON behalf of Wollongong City Club I wish to exercise our right of reply to Mr M. Match from Blacktown in relation to his obviously misinformed information regarding the admission fees charged at the Wollongong Showground.

The admission our Club charges is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for pensioners, students, and children above 12, and all children under 12 receive free entry as

do all junior Soccer players on production of a photocopy of their ID card and all NSW Youth League players from whatever Club they may come.

Additionally, a family pass is available for \$12.00, enabling two adults and their children admittance. These charges are well displayed outside the ticket office.

Also, the Wollongong Showground does provide fairly good facilities with grandstand seating, not all covered, for about 2,500 people at no extra cost. This is a lot more than most Sydney based NSL Clubs can offer.

We think that the admission fees we charge are fair and reasonable when compared with other attractions the area has to offer, and are fairly well in line with the fees charged for NSL games in Sydney.

J. Viletstra,
Wollongong City
Soccer Club Ltd,
Fairly Meadow

NEWCASTLE'S SCORES

RE NORTH NSW DIV 1, seeing that the teams are generally included in the Pool's list of matches each week I am wondering if you could make a point of publishing the results of matches played in the North NSW Div 1 (area around Newcastle) together with the table of the team ratings.

I think you are quite correct in advocating the 3 points for a win system.

G.F. Nock
Broadbeach Waters

(If the NNSW Soccer Federation supplies we can print. — Ed)

KIWI FOR WOMEN'S CLUB

I arrived in Australia from New Zealand three weeks ago and am interested in joining a Women's Division Soccer Club close to where I'm residing.

My name is Bronwyn Best, 24 years old and played my first season this year in Christchurch for a fourth division team, the clubs name is "Technical". I've officially resigned from their club.

You assistance in providing me with a list of clubs in the vicinity, their home grounds and contact numbers would be appreciated.

Bronwyn Best,
Kensington

ARGIES, ENGLAND, IRELAND & STEVE JACKSON

ONCE again the round ball proves to be the best contact sport there is.

After watching Argentina beat Germany in the final, one must give the German team a wee bit of credit. They didn't buckle down to Argentina and I thought they contained the master Maradona.

To me it was a spectacle — the only other two matched I would compare it with, one at Windsor Park Belfast, NI, when Peter Doherty, who played for Derby County and Blackpool, tackled the Combined Services team practically on his own with Matthews, Carter, Lawton, Jimmy Hagan and Jimmy Mullen the opposition forward line.

The score that day was Ireland 4 Combined Services 8.

Also there was the Stanley Matthews Cup final, — to me he was my all-time great. Blackpool v Bolton was the game and he had a blinder.

Well Mr Arok, I hope you learnt a lot from your Mexico trip and it's good to see you are recognising the few young Queenslanders you have in your training squad.

But what about young Jackson — surely he would have to be the most versatile player in Australia and I believe he was born down around Sydney. What about giving him a go Frank.

Samuel McGregor,
Queensland

NBN TV AT NEWCASTLE

THE following is a copy of letter sent to the editor of the Newcastle Morning Herald by me on 29th June.

"The woeful coverage of the National Soccer League on NBN 3 continues. After a thrilling and highly entertaining match between Newcastle Rosebuds United and Sydney City at Adamstown on Saturday, my son and I tuned into the NBN 3 sports coverage that evening to see those five magnificent goals and the one penalty scored by Sydney City. We should have known better!

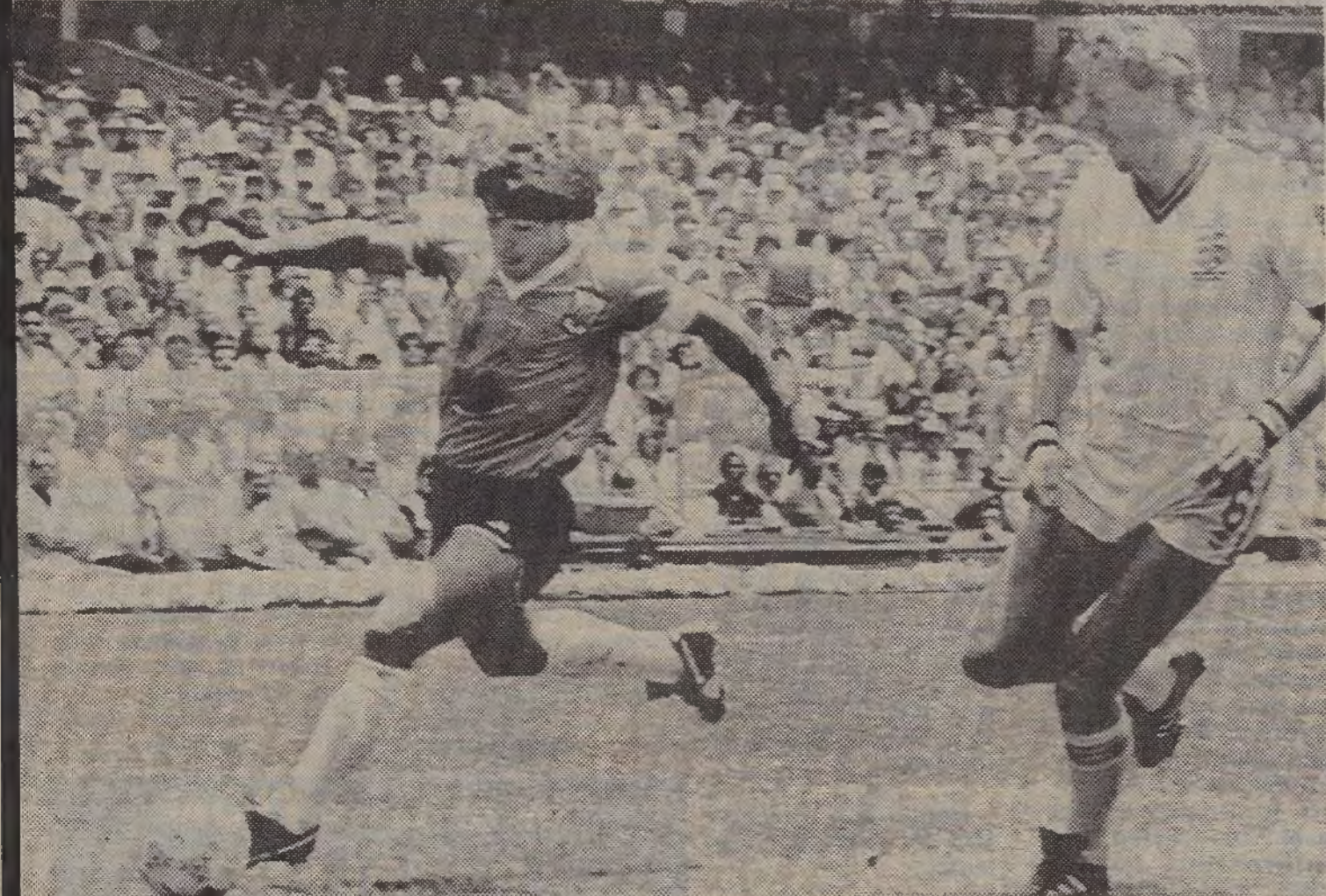
Not one goal was shown, not one scorer mentioned, there was no mention of the sending off of the City goalkeeper after Newcastle's fifth goal or the rousing post-match applause from the large crowd for the Novocastrians. In the same bulletin, however, extensive coverage with scorers and injuries was made of a Rugby League match played in Wollongong.

The stifling of National Soccer League coverage by NBN 3 would appear to be deliberate, in the interests of another code.

John S. Niddrie,
Charlestown, NSW



SIR STANLEY MATTHEWS



DIEGO MARADONA — on his way to that 'Golden Goal' against England. Contrary to thoughts Maradona WAS fouled by English defenders.

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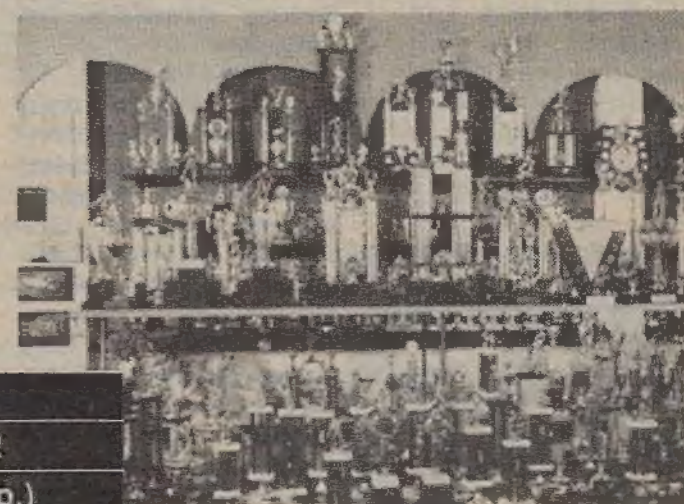
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THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY

HAIL Argentina — the new world champions. During the World Cup series three teams stood above the rest: Argentina, France and Brazil, and it was great to see one of this trio collect the World Cup.

And what a fitting finale to an excellent tournament the final between Argentina and West Germany turned out to be.

Skill and sportsmanship were at a premium and, with the whole of the world's attention focused on the game, the two teams provided a spectacle that will be a great advertisement for the game.

Although the referee made some rulings which had the players scratching their heads at times (and he did seem to go a little berserk with the yellow cards towards the end of the game), the tackling remained fair with the Germans con-

tent to adopt acceptable means to contain the mighty Maradona.

The majority of games throughout the series provided entertainment of the highest quality, with only a handful falling short of the expected standard.

The fitness and skill displayed by players from all 24 teams was outstanding considering the weather conditions that applied during the games.

The emergence of Maradona as perhaps the greatest player of all time will do much to promote the game at all levels throughout the world.

FIFA's decision to

shorten the finals in Italy (1990) to three weeks is a step in the right direction; as is the news from the governing body stating that a new criteria will be established for appointment of referees to future finals.

Unfortunately the low point of the 1986 finals would have to be the standard of refereeing.

It was obvious with some selections that, although FIFA had a commendable desire to have referees from developing Soccer nations in charge of games, they were on many occasions found wanting as the games became more competitive with the sudden death format.

In my opinion a good referee is one that goes about maintaining control of the game without becoming the main attraction (the latter is often the case).

In some instances it was obvious the man in black had decided not to let an opportunity to enhance his reputation pass by.

People attend games to be entertained by the teams on the field and not by the referee.

Any steps to improve the standard of refereeing for 1990 will be beneficial to the standard of games on show.

☆☆☆

During the recent St George/Croatia game at Barton Park I had the misfortune to witness one of the most despicable acts I have ever encountered.

A handful of apparently visiting supporters, when asked to sit down so that a pregnant woman could view the game from her seat on the side of the hill, refused to do so and

a skirmish followed as these "persons" proceeded to bash and kick the husband (a St George player).

During the altercation the pregnant wife was jostled and received a kick to the ribs.

By the time the police, who were sitting together watching the game, arrived on the scene the culprits had vanished leaving a distraught and shaken mother-to-be.

Attempts to draw families to games will amount to nothing as long as people do not feel safe to attend games.

During the game these louts had been drinking.

Strict control at the gates must ensure alcohol is not consumed at games.

Police must be positioned in twos around

the grounds to act as a deterrent to these "people" who show no respect for the rights of others.

What a shame that, from a crowd of four and a half thousand (mostly Croatians) who were treated to an exciting game, a half dozen drunken louts saw fit to disgrace the Croatian club with their actions. Soccer can do without such spectators.

☆☆☆

On a happier note I'm pleased to be able to report that well known Soccer personality and eminent physiotherapist Charles Jurisic looked a picture of satorial splendour in his new body-hugging Peerless tracksuit as he darted on to the field to render assistance to any fallen St George players.



Charlie tells me he has already started training for the upcoming international games against Czechoslovakia.

Hope he gets the call-up. Things wouldn't be the same around the dinner table in camp without the "little Wombat".

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL HAS ITS SHARE OF BUNGLERS

SOCCER is being "run like a Salvation Army home, and I'm probably being unfair to the Salvation Army."

And that's not a quote about the game in Australia, but a view on the British set-up.

It came from Mr John Bromley, the head of sport at Independent Television in England during negotiations for the television of English League matches.

BY TOM MCKAIN

He has been quoted in an article in the elite "Economist" publication which takes the game of Soccer apart around the world.

According to the arti-

cle football in England is (mostly) honest but only recently have people in league clubs realised the game is also a business.

While England has its share of bungling administrators, Italy has been singled out as the country with some of the most dishonest chiefs.

The article quotes reports from police in Turin who discovered a giant match-fixing ring

while routinely tapping telephones of suspected drug dealers.

One conversation, it claims, accurately predicted a 1-1 draw between Napoli and Udinese, even down to the provocation and consequent expulsion from the game of Diego Maradona, Napoli's star player and hero of the recent World Cup in Mexico.

IT IS A RECORD — OF SORTS!

WITH the scramble for positions and the closeness of clubs at the midway stage of the competition, two more coaching casualties mean that half the clubs in the NSW State League have parted company with the man in charge.

The latest two were John Djordjevic, replaced by Harry Noon at Avala, and Mike Johnson being replaced at Fairy Meadow as well as previously Manly, Rockdale, Auburn and Warringah.

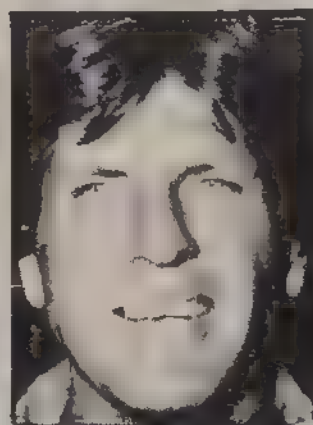
The southern section of the NSL has seen four changes with both Brisbane clubs, Croatia and Adelaide Hellas parting company, whilst the northern section has been the most stable with only one club, Canberra, replacing their coach.

It's definitely a precarious profession, but one feels that some clubs seem to take results as the major factor when deciding a coach's fate.

True, results are the most important, but there are many other factors when should determine whether a coach has succeeded or failed.

Has he had sole charge of the team in recruitment and selection?

How does the club's finances for players and staff compare with other clubs?



BY ALAN VEST
NSW DIRECTOR
OF COACHING

Has he been able to work to develop young players within the club?

When these questions are answered then a coach's success or failure might be more realistically assessed.

Clubs who do spend a lot of money, and whose coach has had the say in who to buy and sell, have a fair argument when results aren't forthcoming.

But if a club has very limited resources, then a coach may have done a tremendous job in even achieving a mid table position.



JOHN DJORDJEVIC

The scale of the scandal shocked Italian football fans, but in general they shrugged it off.

Mr Luca Montezemolo, director of the committee preparing Italy to host the 1990 World Cup finals, is adamant that football must be treated as a business.

He is quoted as saying the authorities are "running along blind" and that they have "no credibility," and there is a "giant gap between their mentality and what is needed."

However, not all clubs put under the microscope are financial failures.

Barcelona from Spain, West Germany's Eintracht Frankfurt and England's Liverpool show huge profits.

Barcelona has 115,000 members, each of whom pays \$45 a year and about 80% pay another \$45-165 for a guaranteed seat for the full season.

The club's expenses are more than covered before the season kicks off, and according to The Economist Barcelona now has reserves of \$21 million.

Eintracht managed to reduce a \$3 million debt to \$700,000 with shrewd management which included retaining only 19 full-time professionals and holding the players' wages bill down to \$1 million a year.

The club has also relied on its own youth program, and when buying from overseas it goes for players with potential rather than ready-made stars.

Socceroo David Mitchell, whom they got at a bargain price, is a perfect example of the policy.

Liverpool is heralded for its stability over the last 20 years as a limited company which has only once failed to make a profit.

Most of the directors have been with the club over that period.

And, Australian clubs please note, the team has had only four coaches, or managers as



DAVID MITCHELL — In Germany.

they are called in the UK, with none being sacked.

Liverpool also has a policy of never borrowing money, and has built two new stands, and revamped a third without getting into debt.

It now has a cushion of investments worth more than \$3 million.

According to The Economist, and this could apply to Australia, England has too many clubs, a fact admitted by administrators.

But it was only recently, when the larger clubs threatened to form a super league that reconstruction of the league has become a possibility.

It is worth noting that Australia with a 14 million population has 434,000 registered players, while Japan with 118 million population has 359,000 registered players.

Canada, who made it to the World Cup, has a 24 million population and 224,290 registered players.

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SAINTS OUT TO STOP SYDNEY OLYMPIC'S UNBEATEN STREAK

ST GEORGE will be out to put a stop to Sydney Olympic's unbeaten streak in the Olympic Airways National Soccer League at the St George Stadium on Sunday.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

St George skipper, David Ratcliffe, said last night:

"If we are going to lift ourselves from sixth spot, we have to stop Olympic on Sunday."

MATCH WINNERS

The steel-tough defender went on to warn: "But this won't be easy. Sydney Olympic are still undefeated, despite reports that they have not been playing well all season."

"It will be a close game no matter what and Olympic have the players to beat any side in Australia."

"In both Soper and Kalantzis, they have match winners and we must mark them tight if we are going to get any joy from this clash. If you don't mark these two guys tight, they will rip you apart," Ratcliffe

warned.

After 13 rounds of the League, Sydney Olympic who are in second spot on the League's ladder with 18 points, still remain undefeated.

Olympic to date, despite losing form over the last eight weeks, have knocked up five victories plus eight draws.

Prolific goalscorers such as Chris Kalantzis, Marshall Soper, Peter Raskopoulos and Stuart Johnston, have all been in the doldrums of late.

Soper however last Sunday, scored in Olympic's home-draw against Inter Monaro to give the fiery striker his first scalp for nearly 11 weeks.

With Soper, (who so far has scored only three goals in 13 matches), Kalantzis, Raskopoulos, Johnston, Estavillo and Gary Phillips (two penalties), have totalled 21 goals of their team's tally of 25.

Olympic's defence has

conceded 13 goals to give the side a goal difference of plus 12.

The Saints on the other hand have scored 16 goals, conceding 19 for a negative goal difference of three.

NEGATIVE GOAL DIFFERENCE

St George, after a very poor start to the season, has slowly strung some solid results together of late.

From their last three matches, the Saints have clocked up five League points following their disastrous wipe-out of 7 nil by Sydney City four weeks ago.

Frank Arok, following Saints' away win over APIA, said last night:

"We have been able to start with the same side over our last three matches which is something we haven't been able to do all season."

"And because of this, I feel we are now starting to come back from nowhere. St George is settling down at long last and our recent results are reflecting it."

Arok had plenty to say about Olympic's midfield skipper, Peter Raskopoulos.

OLYMPIC'S CAPTAIN PRaised

"Everybody has been telling me just how bad Raskopoulos has been playing the last few months."

"But I can assure you that last week when I pulled him into the Australian training camp, he was easily one of the best trainers. Raskopoulos worked very hard for me and as far as I am concerned I am satisfied with what he gave me during the training camp."

Olympic so far this year has on more than one occasion been saved by their reliable back-line.

In Martyn Rogers, Mike Coady, Tony Dakos and Gary Phillips, Olympic has quality defenders, with Emanuel Spanoudakis the big improver.

In Mike Coady, Sydney Olympic has one of Australia's most efficient, and above all

most consistent centre-backs.

With Gary Phillips they have a bonus as he can easily fit into the midfield as well as the back-line.

NEW STAR

St George this season has uncovered a new star in the making.

Left attacking-midfield teenager, Scott Ollerenshaw has been one of Saints most consistent performers.

Ollerenshaw, as well as being able to defend, has a good turn of speed plus the skills that enables him to squeeze through tight situations and make a clean break.

Wearing the No 19

shirt for Saints, Ollerenshaw is hungry enough to zip into the opponent's box to clean up the odd goal as he did last Sunday against APIA.

And whilst playing alongside St George's most consistent player, John O'Shea, Ollerenshaw will gain invaluable experience that will stand him in good stead for his future.

For Sunday, St George will have Andrew Koczka back from injury to add to their squad. The giant utility player has been in and out of the team for most of the season following a car accident and numerous injuries.

LIKELY LINE-UP

Saints' likely line-up for Sunday's clash will be:

Goalkeeper: Mike Gibson.

Back-four: David Skeen, Michael O'Shea, David Ratcliffe, Robbie O'Shea.

Midfield: Pedro Ricoy, John O'Shea, Stewart Porter, Scott Ollerenshaw.

Strikers: Roy Cotton and Graeme Fletcher.

Sydney Olympic's expected line-up is:

Goalkeeper: Gary Meier.

Back-four: Martyn Rogers, Mike Coady, Tony Dakos, Gary Phillips.

Midfield: Stuart Johnston, Peter Raskopoulos, Vicente Estavillo, Peter Katholos.

Strikers: Marshall Soper, Chris Kalantzis.

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SUNDAY JULY 13

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YOUTH LEAGUE 12.45PM

MAIN GAME 3PM



Peter Raskopoulos, skipper.

Tony Dakos in full flight

CROATIA WILL BE TOUGH NUTS TO CRACK FOR THE SLICKERS

BY FRANK COLETTA

THIS Sunday at the Croatian Sports Centre a large crowd should be in attendance for a match that should shake the whole of Edensor Park.

Both Croatia and City went into their weekend matches on shaky ground. Croatia were fortunate to escape with a draw against St. George but meted out their disappointment on a lethargic Newcastle to the tune of 4-1.

Croatia's last victims, the Rosebuds slammed the Slickers 5-1 two weeks back, however Eddie Thomson's boys snowed something akin to their real fighting spirit in a tough 1-1 draw with Marconi at the Athletic Field.

Croatia will be pleased to have the likes

of Graham Arnold in high-flying form. The international striker has proved a revelation since his move to the middle of the park. Although he is in mid-field his goalscoring has not been hindered. Along with City's John Kosmina he is leading scorer in the Northern Division of the OASL with 10 goals.

But as Arnold troops forward he will have to contend with the likes of Gerardo Gomez, who was definitely one of his sides best against Marconi.

Tom McCulloch will be playing his third game in the blue colours of City and is improving all the time. His service to the likes of Frank Farina and John Kosmina will play an important part in the game.

However the two Slickers front-runners will also have to contend with the best defence in the Northern Division in Vedran Rozic, Ante Rumora, Graham Jennings and Wally Savor.

Both Rumora and Savor are revelling in their respective positional changes.

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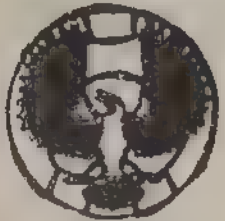
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STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

C'belltown Gunners	vs Moorebank L'pool	Bensley Road
Mt Druitt Town	vs Bondi Marine	Popondetta Park
King Tomislav	vs Granville Chile	Croatian S/G

SUNDAY 13th JULY

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Melita Eagles	vs Rockdale Ilinden	Melita Stadium
Uruguayan Auburn	vs Sutherland	Mona Park
Penrith City	vs Manly Warringah	Cook Park
Warringah F/Water	vs Ku-ring-gai	Narrabeen F/C
Wollongong Mac.	vs Polonia	Berkeley Sports/G
Fairy Meadow	vs Avala	Corrimal Mem Pk

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Canterbury & Dist.	vs Dee Why Swans	Blick Oval
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STRIKER DON ALLAN HAS A REAL MANLY OUTLOOK

WHEN Manly-Warringah picked up an experienced striker and attacking midfielder named Don Allan they showed plenty of judgment.

He still moves around with speed and grace and has a scoring shot although, as he readily admits, his Soccer career goes back many years.

His first senior club was Granville, once one of the real forces in NSW Soccer, after which followed Pan Hellenic, Sydney Olympic, Melita Eagles and now Manly.

For Don his three years at Olympic followed by seven with Melita provided plenty of highlights, and with the Seaside's topping the NSW Skypak State League he is looking for more.

As a youngster he got his feeling for the game in the juniors with the very strong West Epping YMCA, who had a tremendous habit of excelling in the Gladesville-Hornsby Football Association competitions.

At Olympic there

were plenty of big names on view and we asked him about them.

"Maybe I risk missing quite a few," he said, "but the ones who spring immediately to mind are Gary Meier, Richie Bell, Billy Pirie and George Gibson.

"The latter two were particularly impressive as they knew that professional football as all about."

MELITA COACHES

Not unexpectedly the seven years at Melita left a stronger impression, with coaches Raul Blanco and Atti Abonyi to the fore.

"Whilst Terry Greedy is best known for his exploits with St George and the Socceroos, my particular memories of him were of his Melita days.

"I don't think Billy Griffiths' abilities have been fully recognised. Unfortunately Billy has been rather injury prone

and this year he was forced into what I hope is just temporary retirement," he stated.

That brought us round to the 1986 season and the degree of success that has crowned Manly's efforts to date.

Allan believes that the team will continue to surprise, but with such a close competition it is anyone's guess who will end up on top although Manly are striving to hold their place.

"I put a lot of our success down to the effort that is going in and to the morale of the players.

"Alf Stamp as coach has really got us moving and our record is very sound.

MANLY SQUAD

"Just to run through some members of our squad, I must rate Bobby Catlin very highly. He is an excellent goalkeeper with National League experience and has a great future particularly as he is only 21.

"Gary van Egmond also had some great experience with APIA-

Leichhardt and he also went to Holland to help to improve his game.

"Again we are looking at a player who is still 21. He was a left wing striker and now he is settled at left-back.

"Peter Dennis is a very good local product. John Dick's ability is well known and newcomer Fraser Robin is a sweeper who reads the game particularly well.

"To mention some others Jim Campbell is an experienced captain. Alan Dean is a very solid and capable central midfielder and midfielder Paul Marshall has put away four goals himself."

Certainly Manly's appetite for NSW State League success has been well and truly whetted.

They have potentially an excellent ground complex at Cromer Park — one of the very best in Sydney — and the code needs something really worthwhile to look after its interests on the entire Manly-Warringah and North Shore areas, which provides for no less than 600,000 people.

— KEITH GILMOUR

GROOME A CAPTURE

ANY STATE LEAGUE club who figuratively catches a player as experienced as Nigel Groome on the bounce can count itself as lucky indeed.

The grateful recipient on this occasion was the Ku-ring-gai club. Groome had decided that it was time to leave Sutherland for pastures greener.

His first choice was to join Rockdale Ilinden because he was keen to play in a squad under the guidance of former Socceroo Atti Abonyi.

Atti, a top skills coach who works for Frank Arok in this capacity for the National team, moved out and so did stylish attacking midfielder Nigel Groome.

Although he is a Sutherland resident and the wilds of Warringah are far away, it seemed that he would join the Warringah-Freshwater club.

Right at the time that he was still unsettled Ku-ring-gai entered the stage in the form of coach Dennis Ford and their experienced defender Terry Bertram.

And so Groome brought his distributive skills and eye for the occasional goal to a club who could really do with

a player of his ilk.

Apart from the playing side Nigel, an insurance consultant, joins in the training sessions at the Ku-ring-gai High School ground before he heads home to wife Gaynor at Sutherland.

Groome was born in the English city of Nottingham and at 28 years and one month can look forward to plenty of football yet in the NSW State League.

He began his Soccer at the great Everton club at 16 years of age and was there for four years.

His Australian career began in 1979 when he has recruited by St George. After short of two years with the Saints he shifted to Sutherland, who availed themselves of his ability for five seasons.

Ku-ring-gai is one of a big group of NSW State League clubs who are travelling well.

Groome's settling-in period is ending. They will certainly get even greater value from him over the balance of the year.



DON ALLAN

WE WONDER WHO IS COACHING THEM NOW

ALAN VEST has pointed to the musical chairs act that has been taking place on the coaching front.

CLUB
AVALA
FAIRY MEADOW
KU-RING-GAI
MANLY WARRINGAH
MELITA EAGLES
PENRITH CITY
POLONIA
ROCKDALE ILINDEN
SUTHERLAND SHIRE
URUGUAYAN AUBURN
WARRINGAH F'WATER
WOLLONGONG M'DONIA

And may their shadows never grow less.

That is quite a valid point really.

This year in the NSW State League men such as John Djordjevic, Mike Johnson, Archie Blue, Atti Abonyi, Raul Carrizo and Stan Ackers have departed from the scene.

The list includes highly rated Australian internationals and very capable men who have been English, Yugoslav and Uruguayan professionals.

Why they are now off the scene could be canvassed on another occasion, but for six out of 12 coaches to be moved by the halfway mark in a State League season surely begs more questions.

More particularly, what were the managements of some First Division clubs doing when

COACH
Harry Noon
Larry Ashbolt
Dennis Ford
Alf Stamp
Dennis Hoggart
Vic Dalgleish
Henry Sobczyk
Ilija Takac
John Lavin
Ljubo Gokovic
Fil Bottalico
John Bingham

they made their original choices. It is alright to say this with the benefit of hindsight, but a turnover of this magnitude does nothing to show that all clubs are being administered as they should when it comes to this vital area of their operations.

More questions than that arise, but so much for the present.

Meanwhile, here is the current list of the current incumbents:

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STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

ROCKDALE ROCK AHEAD

ALMOST 3000 spectators turned up at Hurstville Oval to watch Rockdale bludgeoned by the top of the State League thanks to a 1-0 victory over Wollongong Macedonia.

The win was Rockdale's ninth game without defeat and the team is looking virtually unstoppable as it charges towards its first State League premiership.

The game itself was a hard fought affair in which Wollongong concentrated on defence in an attempt to come away with a valuable away point.

This tactic seemed to have paid off until, in the 86th minute, Rockdale sharpshooter Zlatko Nastevski blasted a 19 metre free kick into the right hand corner of the net.

It was Nastevski's 13th goal of the season. Wollongong had a chance earlier in the match. A header by defender Talevski rattled the bar, but for the most part the visitors were content to defend.

Rockdale's classy midfielder Vlado Torrevski was easily the most impressive player on the park while Nastevski also went well.

ROCKDALE: Berry, G. Wilson (Grbevald 52m), Rodia, Pilovski, D. Wilson, Torrevski, Darlington, Nasto, Nastevski, Genovese, Ristevski (Jones 72m).

WOLLONGONG: G. Robinson, Muhlbauer, Ruskin, Talevski, Sweeney, Wellborn, Todorovski (Muzik 32m), Bligham, B. Robinson, Gardiner, Giraldo (Krkovski 72m).

MANLY W'GAH 0 URUGUAYAN AUBURN 0

URUGUAYAN Auburn chalked up its eighth draw in 14 matches with a 0-0 draw with Manly Warringah in a

BY STEVE SHILDON

very physical game at Cromer Park.

Auburn began strongly and played with the attacking flair for which it has come to be known.

However, Manly obtained the upper hand in the second half and had the best chance of the game when midfielder Allan Dean had his powerful header cleared off the line when a goal seemed certain.

Generally, there were few shots on goal and neither keeper was seriously tested.

Paul Marshall and Fraser Robin stood out for Manly while Peromo and Alaterra starred for Auburn.

Referee Arthur Owens kept his strike-rate intact when he issued four yellow cards — two to each team.

MANLY: Catlin, Dennis, Van Egmond, Dick, Robin, Stuart (Davide on 55m), Hetherington, Dean, Allan, McIntosh, Marshall.

AUBURN: Rossano, O'Donnell, Tomasic, Woods, Tiriz, Mosquero, Van Heiden, Hastie (Yousif 85m), Calaterra, Jenc (Carrizo 70m), Perdomo.

POLONIA 1 FAIRY MEADOW 3

FAIRY MEADOW, the State League's cellar-dweller, picked up their first draw of the season when they drew 1-1 in a hard-fought struggle with Polonia at Chopin Park.

Polonia took the lead in the 24th minute after a sweeping movement down the left flank culminated in Roberto Lucchesi smashing home a Jurek Drys cross.

Fifteen minutes after the break, a sharp counter-attack by Fairy Meadow ended with

their striker, Paul Kirwan, pushing the ball past keeper Stephen Anderson for the equaliser.

For most of the game, Polonia were well in control and the visitors were content to stack their defence.

In an excellent team performance, Lucchesi and Ron Geekie stood out for Polonia.

POLONIA: Anderson, Chau, Pratt, Kuhlwicki, Robertson, Mahamah (Toderello 75m), Sobczyk, Geekie, Colusso, Drys, Lucchesi (Druc 80m).

SUTHERLAND 0 MELITA 0

SUTHERLAND and Melita, who were both involved in scoreless draws last week, again failed to find the net when they fought out an entertaining 0-0 draw at Seymour Shaw Park.

Melita always looked more likely to score and were perhaps unlucky not to be ahead at the break after Wayne Farnsworth forced Sutherland's keeper Burchmore to bring off top saves in the ninth, 30th and 36th minutes.

In the 55th minute Paul McFadden brought another great save out of Burchmore and in the 74th minute Warren Dalton shot over the bar with only the keeper to beat.

Sutherland's best chance came in the 71st minute when Scott Hughes beat the offside trap but shot wide with only keeper Pupovac in front of him.

Farnsworth, who always looked dangerous, was easily Melita's best player while Daryl Sharp performed well for Sutherland.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Nelson, Cox, Terry, Burrows,

Cashman (Parson 35m), Meades, Harrington, Johnston, Hughes (Lerond 80m) Sharp.

MELITA: Pupovac, Gregson, Williams, Wilson, McCoy, Callanan, Rezazadell (Vial 70m), Farnsworth, McFadden, Foxman, Dalton.

W'GAH F'WATER 3 AVALA 1

AVALA continued their run of outs when they were thrashed 5-1 by Warringah Freshwater at Narrabeen Fitness Centre.

For so long the team to beat, Avala has in recent weeks become the team to be beaten and has not picked up a point since beating Manly on June 1.

Warringah opened the scoring in the 23rd minute when midfielder Peter Tkachuk saw Avala's keeper Thurlow off his line and chipped his 25 metre shot into the net.

The remainder of the first half was evenly fought with Avala having their fair share of shots on goal.

However, the second half was a different story.

Ten minutes after the break Warringah's Dennis Corrigan widened the margin to 2-0 immediately after the kick-off.

Avala was punished again when Martin Driene ran untouched to hit the ball home from 15 metres.

Avala hit back in the 75th minute through Cootes but it was too little too late, as Warringah's Mick Berry converted an 82nd minute penalty before Richie Burke buried a 19 metre free-kick in the dying seconds of the game.

Tkachuk and fellow midfielder Alex Bottalico stood out for Warringah while midfielder

Tom Steven — in his first game for Avala since leaving APIA-Leichhardt — was probably the visitor's best player.

WARRINGAH: Smith, Berry, Sterrey, J. Bottalico, Green, Tkachuk, A. Bottalico, Driene, Corrigan, Burke, Silva.

AVALA: Thurlow, Vrankovic, Dvoni, Atlegic, Steven, Jessary, Kodor, Cootes, Marino, Brown, Filipovic.

KU-RING-GAI 1 PENRITH CITY 1

PENRITH shed its easy beat tag for good when it held third place Ku-ring-gai to a 1-1 draw at Parklands Oval.

Although both teams began the match tentatively, Penrith started to take control after about 20 minutes.

It came as little surprise when, in the 33rd minute, the visitors finally took the lead.

A cross from the right by striker Ian Hunter found midfielder Micky Cross, who dived full-length to head home a spectacular goal.

Penrith had another chance soon after when a shot by defender Ian Shaw hit the post after a cross by Hunter.

In the second half, Ku-ring-gai pounded the Penrith defence but was unable to find the equaliser until the 84th minute when Robbie McKegan smashed a Nigel Groome corner into the top of the net.

Hunter, Alex Jamieson and Mike Quarmby starred for Penrith while Groome, Mark Nile and Allan Goldsworthy shone out for Ku-ring-gai.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Goldsworthy, Bertram, Watson, Groome, Sutherland, Williamson, Quigley, Nile, McKegan.

PENRITH: Edwards, Hatton, Hebb, Campbell, Shaw, Jamison, Thompson, Cross, Quarmby, Martinez (Greg), Hunter.

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Sutherland v Melita Eagles	0-0	0-1	3-2
Manly W'gah v Uruguay Auburn	0-0	0-1	2-1
Rockdale v Wollongong Mac	1-0	4-2	
Polonia v Fairy Meadow	1-1	0-4	3-1
Warringah F/Water v Avala	5-1	2-0	2-3
Ku-ring-gai v Penrith City	1-1	1-2	0-1

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION			
Bankstown Lebanon v Kingsford Hellenic	0-1	1-1	Bank for
Blacktown Utd v Gladesville Hornsby	2-1	2-2	1-1
SSC Yugal v Nth Bankstown	2-1	0-2	1-3
Queens Park v Artamon	3-1	3-1	Art for
Bathurst '75 v Cent. & Dist.	5-0	3-0	1-1
Dee Why v Campbelltown City	1-0	2-2	0-3

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION			
Moorebank L'pool v King Tomislav	1-1	12-1	1-4
Granville Chile v Port Hacking	2-1	7-1	1-2
West United v Baulkham Hills	2-1	3-1	0-0
Bondi Marine v Campbelltown Dist	1-1	1-0	2-2
Nth Ryde RSL v Mt Druitt	1-1	3-3	2-0
Rooty Hill v Uni of NSW	3-0	1-0	6-0

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION			
CSI Schofields v Fairfield Kiev	2-1		0-1
Nineveh Eagles v Padstow Park	1-6		2-3
Sydney Uni v West St George	0-2		1-3
Eastwood v Chelsea	2-0		0-0

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION			
Macquarie Uni v Maroubra United	2-0		1-2
Pagewood v Hawkesbury Dist	0-2		0-2
Hurstville Zagreb v Wentworth Waratah	0-0		1-0
Rosebery v Dulwich Hill	0-3		1-2
Trasandinos Sports v Chile Sports	2-1		2-0
Green Valley Utd v L'pool City	2-3		1-2

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION			
Haberfield B/D's v Sydney Maccabi	4-0		Hab for
Welcome Sports v Petersham	0-2		2-0
Robins v Blacktown Wand	1-4		2-1
Greenland v Colo Colo	3-2		2-1
Concord Juniors v Chullora	0-0		3-0
Rangers Hadjuk v Lansvale Utd	5-3		1-2

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION			
Murray Farm Rangers v Abruzzi	0-1		2-2
Luddenham Croatia v Jedinstvo Utd	3-2		2-6
Castle Hill v Lithgow Workmens	1-2		4-0
Macedonia Yagoona v Argentinian Lid	1-1		5-1
Crescent Star v Columbian			Col for 2-1

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION			
Hellas Poseidon v Amcliffe RSL	3-0		0-7
Nth Rocks v Orange Waratah	5-5		2-1
Calabria v Cobreloa	3-3		2-1

NSW STATE CUPS

THE Cup semi-finals will be played on July 27 and the grounds for the finals on August 10 will be set down at the next State meeting.

NSW AUSTRALLOYD INSURANCES AMATEUR CUP

Matches for July 13

Yoogali v Kirrawee
Hurstville v Lilli Pilli
Greenacre v Menai Hawks
Lugarno v Sylvania Heights

U21 ROBERTSON CUP

Castle Hill, Quakers Hill, Liverpool Albion A, Panania RSL A.
(Above already qualified for semi-finals)

U18 STATE CUP

July 13

Sydney United v Marrickville
(North Epping Rangers, Panania RSL, Ingleburn Eagles have already qualified for semi-finals).

U16 STATE CUP

July 13

Kingsgrove Olympians v Bathurst 75
Castle Hill v Chullora
Como West-Jannali v North Epping Rangers
North Rocks v Enadine Eagles

U14 STATE CUP

July 13

Marrickville v Winston Hills
Ingleburn-Eagles v Engadine Eagles
(Sydney United and Earlwood Wanders already qualified for semi-finals).

TASMANIA

Round 13 results:

Ulverstone (Howe, McGrory) d Matric (Witthoford) 2-1, Georgetown (Sawdon, Hughes) d Croatia 2-0, Juventus (C. Guest 2, Mies) d Western Suburbs 3-0, Devonport (Smith 3, Frame, McKenna) d Riv. Olympic (Stewart) 5-1, Launceston United dw Burnie 0-0.

Ladder (after Rnd. 13):

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Geotown	13	11	1	1	46	6	23
Ulverstone	12	10	1	1	39	6	21
Devonport	13	8	3	2	28	12	19
Juventus	13	9	0	4	37	11	18
Croatia	13	7	0	6	33	20	14
Burnie	13	3	3	7	22	29	9
Matric	13	3	3	7	17	28	9
Riv. Oly	13	3	0	10	20	47	6
L'ston Utd	13	2	2	9	8	43	6
West. Subs.	12	0	3	9	7	54	3

ILLAWARRA

Illawarra Premier League

STATE STORY

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Port Kembla 1 Tarra-wanna 1
Bulli 2 Cringila nil
Aris 4 Warilla
Wanderers 2
Unanderra 1 Bellambi nil
Figtree 4 Coniston nil
Fernhill 1 Shell-harbour nil

STH AUST

Birkalla 2 Salisbury 2
Elizabeth 4 Azzurri 1
Polonia 1 Beograd 1

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TNT SKYPARK LEAGUE

DIV 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rockdale	14	8	2	4	29	15	18
Manly Warringah	14	6	6	2	17	8	18
Ku-ring-gai	14	5	7	2	15	9	17
Melita Eagles	14	5	6	3	23	10	16
Wollongong	14	5	6	3	9	6	16
Sutherland	14	6	4	4	13	11	16
Warringah F/W	14	6	2	6	25	27	14
Polonia	14	4	6	4	19	22	14
Uruguayan	14	3	8	3	10	13	14
Avala	14	4	3	7	13	22	11
Penrith City	14	4	1	9	18	34	9
Fairy Meadow	14	2	1	11	11	25	5

INTER URBAN DIV 5 GR 1

AS FROM 23.6.86

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Orange Waratah	12	9	1	2	46	11	19
Hellas Poseidon	12	7	3	2	28	20	17
Amcliffe RSL	11	7	2	2	35	16	16
Calabria	12	6	2	4	23	21	14
Cobreloa	12	4	4	4	30	27	12
North Rocks	12	4	2	6	26	29	10
Santiago Wndrs	11	1	1	9	14	41	3
Macedonia Eagle	12	1	1	10	21	58	3

INTER URBAN DIV 5 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Calabria	12	9	3	0	43	7	21
Orange Waratah	12	8	2	2	23	8	18
Cobreloa	12	8	1	3	39	18	17
North Rocks	12	8	0	4	30	24	16
Amcliffe RSL	11	4	2	5	37	21	10
Hellas Poseidon	12	3	2	7	15	36	8
Macedonia Eagles	12	2	0	10	14	46	4
Santiago Wands	11	0	0	11	7	48	0

THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

BRISBANE CITY CHOOSES PETER FALCONER

WILL Sydney City's Peter Falconer have the same rise to fame as Tony Pezzano now he has gone on loan to Brisbane City?

Falconer made the switch North last week, beating the transfer deadline by only hours. The 27-year-old former Manly player is expected to play a key role in the Brisbane City midfield as the club attempts to climb away from the foot of the table and challenge for NSL retention.

And no doubt Falconer would be pleased to follow the same road as Pezzano. The Flamboyant keeper had a loan stint at Spencer Park in 1982 after he was constantly kept out of the Slickers' first team by Todd Clarke.

Pezzano had an indifferent season with City, but benefitted greatly from the first team experience and returned to Sydney City the following year. He cemented his place in the Slickers NSL team and went on to force his way into the Socceroos squad.

"Naturally I would love to do the same, but it is a little foolish thinking that far ahead. My main aim at the moment is to do a job for Brisbane City," Falconer said.

Sydney City in fact offered Brisbane City two players on the eve of the transfer deadline, with the other being former Socceroo John Spanos. City had little time to consider and opted for the younger Falconer, who they had seen play only a month earlier in a Nanda Cup quarter-final.

Falconer was one of Sydney City's scorers in their 3-1 win at Spencer Park.

The haste with which the last minute transfer was arranged has meant Falconer cannot immediately move North, but will be flown to Brisbane on Friday afternoons for the next few weeks.

He will train with Brisbane City that night in preparation for the weekend's match.

Brisbane City were desperate to strengthen their ranks as the transfer deadline approached. With the club's three visa places filled it was forced to

look locally and Falconer loomed as an ideal player for the team.

Coach Billy Wilkinson is hoping to blend the Sydneysider into his team as quickly as possible.

He also is hoping to add to the team's depth by solving differences with three players who are currently in dispute with the club.

Experienced midfielder Bobby Hamilton asked to be placed on the transfer list while former Newcastle pair Dean Milosevic and Bobby Cox have not been training.

With the transfer deadline passing, all three now must play with Brisbane City or not at all until next season. Wilkinson sees it as only logical to solve any problems and get them back rather than having

talents wasted on the sidelines.

Wilkinson, a tireless campaigner for City in the early days of the NSL, has made a quiet but successful start to NSL coaching since he took over from Jim Hermiston nearly two months ago. Prior to last weekend, City have been undefeated in five of their previous seven matches.

Four of those were draws, which prevented any rapid rocketing up the table, but it was a vast improvement on the club's early season form.

Club officials still concede NSL survival is a long way off but live content in the knowledge that the end of the season is still three months away and in NSL terms, anything can happen in that time.

NORTH STARS IN AMPOL CUP

NORTH STAR are on their way to winning the Queensland Ampol Cup statewide knockout competition for the third consecutive year.

The cup holders advanced to the semi-finals with a 5-3 win over Gold Coast at Carrara last week.

They will be joined in the semi-finals, to be played on July 19 and 20, by Taringa Rovers, Coalstars and Lions.

Taringa reached the last four by beating Rockhampton 1-0 while Coalstars beat Mackay by the same score. Lions reached the semi-finals by downing another country qualifier, Toowoomba.

It has been a long battle to the semi-finals for the four teams after a format change to the competition, this year worth \$16,000.

The country teams played their usual regional competition to decide the three country winners for the quarter-finals. But the five other quarter-finalists were decided through five City and Coast round-robin qualifying groups, each of five teams.

After a series of mid-week and weekend matches all within a three week span, the group winners were North Star, Taringa, Lions, Coalstars and Gold Coast.

Amazingly the out of the hat quarter-final drew kept all but two of the City qualifiers apart — a dream draw for the federation in promotion terms.

Although the three goals against took the shine off North Star's quarter-final win, player-coach Iain Fagan has no doubts his team can advance all the way but in a slight setback to their cup motivation, the OSF has advised North Star that even if they win the trophy three times in succession, they will not be able to retain the cup.

The Ampol Cup has been a perpetual OSF trophy since 1965 and was even won five times in a row by the great Hellenic from 1960 to 64.

This year the Ampol Cup final will be played on August 17.

\$15,000 INCENTIVE FOR LIONS TO ACHIEVE

BRISBANE LIONS has been offered a \$15,000 bonus to finish fourth or better in the OANSL Southern Division.

The money was offered to the players last week from a group of supporters who figure the Richlands side need to finish in the top four to hold onto their NSL status.

The money has been placed in trust and a enlarged replica of a cheque now adorns the bar in the Lions' forum.

The cheque is payable to "the Brisbane Lions NSL players in the event of the side finishing in fourth place or better".

The cash offer came as a surprise for the Lions squad but looms as an enticing incentive.

The team's first game after the announcement was against Preston and after a 1-1 draw it looked very much like the cheque would never be cashed. Lions dominated the match and had a glut of possession, but couldn't find the net.

Lions' goal in fact was scored by Preston defender Ian Dobson.

Apart from the cash bonus, Lions coach Col Bennett has set his side a target of 17 more points to ensure NSL survival.

"As each week passes and we don't pick up both points, that total is going to be harder and harder to achieve," Bennett said.

"But there is nothing easy in this year's competition and if these players really want to play in the national competition next year then that's what they have to achieve this season."

Although Lions

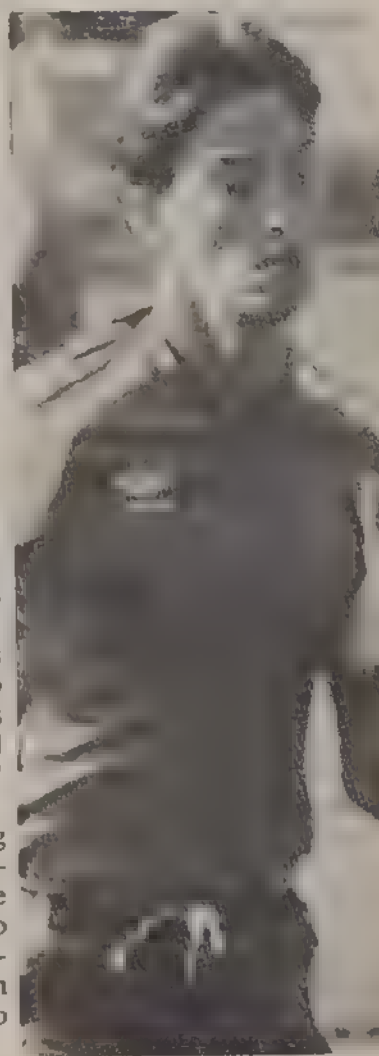
scoured the transfer markets and available players in the weeks leading up to the transfer deadline, in the end the club made no frantic buys.

It did have 11th hour informal talks with Marconi pair Tony Henderson and Steve Calderan.

But employment difficulties prevented any serious transfer negotiations developing and later Caleran was injured.

"We have every faith in our squad and we only wanted to cover ourselves in the event of injuries or suspensions. But the transfer dead-

line has passed now, so we now know what we have got and it's a matter of making the most no matter what setbacks confront us. Hopefully we will escape any serious injuries and too many yellow cards," Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk said.



DANNY WRIGHT

LIONS HOGG THE \$25,000

THE return of Steve Hogg to Lions last week completed another circle in a kaleidoscope of transfers in which Canberra City has been the big losers.

Hogg, a former Socceroo and young Socceroo, was re-united with Lions when Brisbane City swapped him for Roddy Vasquez in the week before the transfer deadline.

Hogg first came to Richlands from Canberra in 1980 in a swap deal. Canberra gave Lions Hogg and \$15,000 for dynamic striker Tony Brennan.

The hard-working Hogg stayed at Lions until the end of 1984 when he moved back to Canberra for \$10,000 —

effectively putting his worth to Lions at \$25,000 in cash. In the meantime Lions had done another deal with Canberra, selling Paul Ontong for \$15,000. Phil Redmond was later bought by Lions for \$2,500 still leaving Lions very much ahead in the Ledger with Canberra.

Now in swapping Vasquez for Hogg, Lions have got a player who has made them \$25,000 in exchange for one they developed through their juniors.

It is little wonder one Lions official this week joked: "I wonder if Canberra City is interested again and we start the whole thing over again."

But on the serious side, Hogg could prove to be a valuable asset for Lions in this crucial year. The club is desperately in need of experienced defenders and it is as a fullback, not as midfielder as he was previously at Richlands, that Hogg is likely to be used.

The Lions NSL team rightback position has not been adequately filled since David Hunter injured his back and was forced into a lengthy rest. Lions officials are hopeful Hogg will fill the gap.

And even when Hunter returns, and he was expected to start training this week, if Hogg proves a success it will allow the Australian Schoolboy captain to move into midfield where he has often asked to play.

DANNY RIGHT ON HIS GAME

BRISBANE Lions striker and Socceroo hopeful Danny Wright has secretly beaten a worrying knee injury in his bid to maintain his quest for green and gold.

The former young Socceroo has revealed he popped a cartilage in his right knee during the first day of the June Melbourne Socceroo training camp. Fearing the injury could go against his chances of keeping his spot in the training squad, Wright played down the injury.

Despite the pain he managed to complete the second day of the training camp.

The injury also was kept largely a secret on his return to Brisbane as Wright feared his club could be angered if one of its players returned from a training camp injured.

Wright sought treatment regularly and managed not to miss a game for the following two weeks until his knee injury settled.

During that time his

shooting ability was reduced and many were critical of the star striker. But his determined attitude in playing down the injury makes folly of criticism that Wright is injury prone.

A brilliant ball player gifted with fine close skills, Wright has had an unlucky two years with injuries. He seriously injured both ankles, with one injury keeping him out of the game for nearly 12 months.

But Wright says the knee has now come good, the ankles are right and he's looking forward to silencing some of his critics.

Wright was attacked after Lions' recent draw with Preston for not scoring when he had a dream opportunity. He beat the keeper but his shot hit a defender on the line.

"People should judge me on my whole game not isolated instances," Wright said.

Indeed Wright's general play has at times touched on brilliance. His skill are sharper than ever and he believes it is just a matter of time before the goals begin to come.

Wright was in outstanding goalscoring form early in the season, banging them in from all directions and he believes it is just a matter of getting one and he will get several.

As for the future, Wright has constantly been linked with a move South and no doubt those ambitions have been fuelled by the success now being enjoyed by former Lions stopper Alan Hunter, now with Heidelberg.

But Wright is hesitant to reveal his intentions for next season.

"I will be examining all the alternatives. It is silly to comment on next year when the future of the NSL is still very clouded," he said.

"I have always thought about trying my hand overseas and I would still like to do that at some stage. But in the meantime I will just take things one game at a time."

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WHITE EAGLES SLIP UP ... OR 'DOWN!!'

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WITH JOHN TSCHEPPEA

WHITE EAGLES relinquished top spot in the State League South after they could only manage a score draw with Olympia.

Although Eagles fielded a depleted line-up, they came closest to scoring just before the half-time break as Previdi's shot hit the post.

Forster had a chance to score for Olympia early in the second half but he missed an open goal.

Richard Leszczynski then put the Eagles ahead after rounding the keeper and slotting it

home.

But Olympia earned a point virtually on full-time when Greenwood chipped Groenwoud.

Both Glenorchy-Croatia and Juventus-Pioneer recorded comfortable wins, while Calies hung on to take the points in a 5-goal thriller at South Hobart.

Launceston Croatia parted with their player-

coach, Brian Davidson, after their team's 4-2 loss to Riverside Olympic recently.

After having to resign as coach Davidson offered his services as a player, but the club would not entertain the idea.

So the former New Zealand international immediately signed for Launceston Juventus and played the following week as his new club despatched Western Suburbs, 3-0.

Croatia's goalkeeper also resigned on the same night.

Bob Stillie, one of Croatia's signings this year, took over as caretaker coach for the remainder of the season.

TWINS AT THE DOUBLE

A strong second half display earned Croatia-Glenorchy a 2-1 win over White Eagles at South Hobart and brought them level with the Eagles in second place in the Tasmanian Cadbury State League.

Eagles led 1-0 at the interval through a rare Jimmy Kerr goal before second-half goals by Croatia's twin-strikers, John McIntyre and Neil Thomas, gave it victory.

A Michael Goldsmith penalty in the 51st minute gave Olympia-WPL a 1-0 win over Rapid in the early game, which means that Juventus-Pioneer remains the league leader, three points clear of their nearest opponents.

White Eagles, under caretaker coach Eugene Mycak, should have built up a comfortable lead in the opening half against Croatia, but poor shooting let them down badly.

Andrew Leszczynski, Alan Burton and David Stoddart all fired high, and Leszczynski also headed fractionally wide before the match was a dozen minutes old.

Croatia had a little luck on their side, too. Morrison's corner in the 14th minute was flicked on to Leszczynski and his powerful shot was cleared on the line by Sean Collins, but the full-back could not have known much about it.

Kerr scored his first goal of the season midway through the first half to put Eagles ahead. Stoddart's corner from the left was punched out by goalkeeper Peter Huigsloot, but only to Kerr on the edge of the penalty area, and he struck a sweet volley into the roof of the net.

The half ended with Croatia on the attack and with McIntyre and Francis missing half-chances, but it was an indication of things to come.

Eagles allowed Croatia back into the game after the interval and Richard Leszczynski was left isolated at the front for long periods, with only Croatian defenders to keep him company.

Croatia's equaliser came in the 53rd minute and it was gift-wrapped. Francis crossed from the right and Scott Young and Mark Leszczynski stood back and watched as John McIntyre headed home from six metres.

Croatia coach David Crosson came on in place of Ivan Baric with 17 minutes remaining and this seemed to be the signal to the team to go out and get both points.

With two minutes left, Crosson floated a perfect free-kick to the far post, beyond Peter Groenewoud's reach. McIntyre nodded the

ball back across the goalmouth where Thomas scored with his head at the second attempt, his first having been blocked on the line by Stoddart.

Groenewoud kept Eagles' hopes alive with some brave goalkeeping in the closing stages and Andrew Leszczynski might even have salvaged a point but his low, angled drive in the dying seconds shaved the far post.

DISMISSAL

Olympia had to work hard for their win over a plucky Rapid and paid dearly for the two points when midfielder Roger Munro was sent off a minute from the end for persistent infringement of the laws of the game.

Paul Xanthopoulos returned to the Olympia side after injury. He should have scored midway through the first half when he rounded the goalkeeper but fired high and wide, while Anthony Greenwood had a close-range shot brilliantly blocked by Phil Kannegiesser.

Goldsmith did have the ball in the net for Olympia just before half-time but the effort was disallowed as the free-kick had been an indirect one and no other player had touched the ball.

Fullback Chris Hey won the penalty six minutes into the second period. His fine run past several defenders was halted by the hand of John Fletcher and Goldsmith tucked away the spot-kick with ease, low and to the keeper's right.

Olympia's new signing from Hobart City, veteran Tommy Wilson, came on for Xanthopoulos after an hour in order to steady a side on the verge of losing its self-control.

McNeill, Goldsmith and Munro had all been cautioned before Munro received his marching orders, and Greenwood was very lucky to stay on the field after a first-half incident involving Rapid defender Lars Koch.

Details: Olympia-WPL 1 (Goldsmith, pen.) d Rapid 0; Croatia-Glenorchy 2 (McIntyre, Thomas) d White Eagles 1 (Kerr).

Leading Goalscorers: 15 J. Broadhouse (Juventus); 13 R. Leszczynski (White Eagles); 10 G. Schueler (Howrah), A. Leszczynski (White Eagles); 8 J. McIntyre (Croatia), P. Forster (Olympia), S. Pace (Juventus).

"VAV DIEMAN"

Cadbury State League standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus-Pioneer	13	10	1	2	40	19	21
White Eagles	13	8	2	3	40	18	18
Croatia-Glenorchy	13	8	2	3	26	12	18
Olympia-WPL	13	8	1	4	37	21	17
Caledonians	13	5	3	5	22	37	13
Howrah	13	3	1	9	17	35	7
Rapid	13	2	1	10	13	30	5
Metro-Claremont	13	2	1	10	9	32	5

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

TONY CHARNOCK TO DIP OUT

BULLI coach Norm Flanagan could be excused for not being too excited after his team's important 2-0 win over Aris recently.

The win meant Bulli had held on their unbeaten record and stayed poised just a point behind leaders Warilla Wanderers.

The trouble was that before the game key midfielder Tony Charnock had told Flanagan he has to go overseas in two weeks.

Charnock has won a scholarship in his job as a mine deputy and will be able to study in Korea.

Flanagan said he was stunned by the news but must now start working out a solution to the problem.

The one consolation is that Charnock will still be here when Bulli take on Warilla in what could be the title decider but that will be his last game.

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Aris goalkeeper Theo Kalamandis is missing from the first grade side with a broken hand but he is enjoying playing reserve grade.

This unusual situation comes about because Kalamandis is the regular first grade goalkeeper but he injured his hand playing against Fernhill five weeks ago.

While Craig Broughton is deputising in goal, Kalamandis is playing striker in reserve grade and getting important goals.

Coach Robert Fryer said the reserve grade players don't want to lose him.

"They have asked me to leave him where he is but that isn't likely to happen," Fryer said.

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The Fairy Meadow dressing room was naturally like a morgue after their 6-0 home thrashing at the hands of Rockdale.

It was Larry Ashbolt's first game as official coach, having been caretaker for the previous two games after the resignation of Mike Johnson.

"I never thought that team could be beaten so badly but I have to give credit to Rockdale and coach Ilija Takac as they played really well," Ashbolt said.

Ashbolt hit the nail on the head when he said his team's problems have come about because they just can't score goals.

The fact striker Jimmy Bell hasn't found the net in the 13 games he has played this season just about says it all.

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Aris coach Robert Fryer isn't the only Premier League coach who wants to see the Bampton Cup format changed next season.

The Aris team have qualified for the semi-finals after beating Lysaght's 2-1 but Fryer claims the practice of playing a league and cup double on successive days is asking too much.

"I feel next season the ISA should consider playing a couple of rounds early in the season as warm-up matches and then leave a couple of weekends clear for the quarter-finals and semi-finals," he said.

"There is also the possibility of playing some games under lights before the weather gets too cold."

Other coaches feel they can lose key players in the double-headers and this can mean the difference between making the top four and missing out.

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Maurizio Montecchi scored a very important goal for Port Kembla to give his team a 1-0 win over Port Kembla.

The team had slumped to share bottom place before the Cringila match and officials had fronted an ISA inquiry after incidents involving referee David Naylor at the end of a 1-0 defeat to Bellambi.

"You could say we were at rock bottom that week and desperately needed to lift the players and the club generally with a win over Cringila," secretary Frank Cuda said.

"It could prove to be one of the most important goals the club has recorded because it would be a real tragedy if Port Kembla were to be relegated."

Montecchi, signed from State League Fairy Meadow this season, has been one of Port Kembla's most consistent players.

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Steve Quirk and Kevin Lewis could fight out the title of leading goalscorer in Premier League this season but Darren Nees could be the dark horse.

Nees rattled in his second hat-trick of the season in Figtree's 3-2 win over Unanderra and seems to have finally settled in well with his new club.

Quirk, of Aris, is leading the way, having three hat-tricks to his credit, while Bulli's Lewis, who was top scorer last season, isn't too far behind.

UNITED GAIN VALUABLE POINT

LAUNCESTON United gained a valuable point after their 13th round State League North match with Burnie on a cold weekend.

Both teams knocked the ball around confidently and quickly early on in the game with Launceston United looking the more dangerous on the break as they played balls sharply to each other.

United almost took the lead as Jones' back-pass caused some worry. Goalkeeper Smith slipped at the crucial time and United's forwards pounced quickly but the ball was scrambled away.

As the contest progressed, it became evident that neither team

was going to score many goals.

Graccogna blasted wide for United, and Jones' 40th minute effort for Burnie hit the side-netting.

With 10 minutes of the second half gone, Jones intercepted a bad backheader and forced Wright to make a desperate save.

Although Burnie did score in the 14th minute, it was disallowed.

With time and shots running out, United

mounted one last attempt when Barac crossed a ball for Cruse who was confronted with an open goal, but his shot flew over the bar and the game ended with neither side scoring anything.

Meanwhile, Matric threw away a point at Knight's Road as they were unable to convert a penalty, eventually going down 2-1 to second-place Ulverstone.

Olympic came down from the clouds with a 5-1 drubbing by Devonport; and Croatia, after having lost player-coach Brian Davidson during the week, could not crack Georgetown, going down by two goals.



NORTHERN TASMANIA

Back, L to R: K. Dennis (President, NTSA) L. Monagle, J. Compagne, C. Guest, E. Guest, B. Stillie, S. Dennis, P. Sawdon, W. Dent, P. Savill (coach). Front, L to R: P. Davidson, D. Meldrum, R. Parke, G. Farrell, C. Carstens, B. Davidson, A. Schiebl, S. Morley.

Glen.Croatia (McIntyre, og) d Metro 2-0, Caledonians (Joseph 2, Murtagh) d Rapid (Brushette, Donohue) 3-2, Juventus-Pioneer (Broadhouse 2, Genovesi 2) d Howrah 4-0, White Eagles (R. Leszczynski) dw Olympia-WPL (Greenwood) 1-1.

VICTORIA

State League Results

Box Hill 2 Melbourne nil
Frankston Pines 1
Fawkner 2
Thomastown 1
Maribyrong nil
St Albans .3 Morewell
Falcons 4
Springvale City 1
Northcote City nil
Caulfield City 2 Western Suburbs nil
Ringwood City 2
Croydon City 6

NORTHERN NSW FIRST DIVISION

Cardiff 2 Central Coast 1

Weston Workers Bears 0 West Wallsend 3
Wallsend 0 Belmont Swansea 0
Lake Macquarie City 1
Highfields Azzurri 0
Adamstown 4 Austral United 1

Points Table

Belmont Swansea 27
West Wallsend 21
Austral United 21
Adamstown Rosebud 20
Lake Macquarie 18
Azzurri 17
Weston 11
Central Coast 10
Cardiff 10
Wallsend 5

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THE JUNIOR GAME

with TONY RACITI



FORMER SOCCEROO ALLAN MAHER SPARKS A GRANVILLE REVIVAL

THE years of experience gained by former Australian goalkeeper Allan Maher over three World Cup campaigns has done wonders for the Granville District Soccer Football Association.

The Magpies' Youth League and Metropolitan Championship teams were in the doldrums when Maher was invited to become coaching coordinator for the district back in December 1984.

BY KEITH GILHOUE

Adjoining clubs were snapping up the talent from the representative teams of this famous Soccer district — so much so that at the start

of 1985 that they lost no less than 35 young players to other clubs.

Maher played most of his top football for Marconi, and had worn the Green-and-Gold on 20 occasions.

In addition he represented Australia another 19 times in matches with other than national teams.

Further, he had been a North Rocks junior and had come through the ranks in the Granville Association himself.

He came to his coaching post with a view to forgetting the mistakes of the past with the Granville representative boys.

He would foster the talent that could be held and get Granville back on to the map.

It was difficult indeed from that December 1984 appointment to put the Magpies' act together by the following February.

But it is certain that the foundation that was laid then was a sound one.

At this stage most Granville teams are travelling well in their competitions and no opposing side finds them a pushover in any shape or form.

Allan Maher himself coaches the Under 12 and 13 years teams. The U13s have only lost one game to date.

Two of the players, Steve Tyerman and Brendan Renaud, have won selection in the NSW under 13 squad.

Tom Finlayson,

formerly with the Nepean District Association, has some superb youngsters in the Granville under 14 team.

From this group Adam Hagar and Andrew Hinchcliffe have won their way into the State team of their age group.

Finlayson also lends a hand with the under 11 Metropolitan Championship team and they have had an undefeated run.

Patrick Byrne has been doing a very competent job with the under 15 grade.

A contact struck at Marconi with Mark Edwards has led to the coaching arrangements for the under 16s.

Edwards played in Marconi's lower grades a few years back and has an excellent grasp of coaching requirements.

Certainly he has Soccer in his blood.

His father Trevor Edwards was a Welsh international who finished his career with some of the great sides fielded by Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs, the fore-runner of Sydney City, some years ago.

Allan Maher has a strong involvement with Soccer, as in his working hours he runs the popular Merrylands Indoor Soccer Centre.

It is good to see the experience he gained — which included membership of the 1974, 1978 and 1982 Australian World Cup squads — being put to such good account.



Three of a kind ... Claudio Castro, Daniel Ortiz, and Denis Vergara certainly look the part.



GRANVILLE New Chilean Soccer Club's under 9 kiddies pose for the camera at a recent game.



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KEEN CHILEANS IN JUNIOR SOCCER

YOUNGSTERS of South American descent have in recent times become keen exponents in Australian junior Soccer. In Sydney the New Chilean club has become quite a force in the big Granville district. This week we feature some of the youngsters.



This bright looking bunch is the New Chilean club under 11 team.

SHORTAGE

WE REFER to the item concerning the shortage of referees included in our "Junior Gossip" column on 6th June 1986.

The intention was to highlight the need for more referees to effectively handle the very important NSW Youth League fixtures.

However Mr Bill Lodge, appointment secretary of the Australian Affiliated Referees Federation (NSW Division) has pointed out that the construction of the article led to it being inferred by readers that the views expressed in the article were his own.

We completely accept that these opinions were not those of Mr Lodge and regret that any such presumption could be drawn from the column.

STATE OF EXCITEMENT
AT MELITA STADIUM

BUSLOADS of excited spectators were lucky enough to witness some great Soccer at Melita Stadium in the first three of the divisional finals, which set the scene for a great night's football.

Two very evenly matched sides were on view in Balgowlah Boys' and Normanhurst Boys'.

End to end Soccer failed to produce a goal in normal time and the match went into extra-time.

In the first period of extra-time the deadlock was broken by a solo run and resultant goal from Balgowlah captain Dean Heffernan, probably the game's best player on the night.

Normanhurst tried hard to equalise through Clinton Bragg and Mark Lowe but apart from a lob which hit a post, they were unable to break down the Balgowlah defence — Balgowlah victors 1-0.

The second game was history making in that, for the first time, two Catholic schools were opposed in a final.

A superb game resulted. Holy Cross took an early lead, when a fine kick rebounded off the bar and Chris Drouza dived to head home amongst a forest of legs.

The goal only spurred St Patrick's Dundas into retaliation. Jason Raltos broke on the left and crossed to Jason Kane who equalised.

Driven on by Alex Aroujo, the lightning fast havles and forward line of St Pats

BY LINDSAY NEWSON

threatened to overrun the opposition but somehow Holy Cross held on till halftime.

It could only be a matter of time! Something was said in the Holy Cross room at halftime — they were transformed.

In the first minute of the second half, Chris Drouza turned and hammered the ball into the net for a shock Holy Cross lead.

Now St Pats could only match Holy Cross attack for attack, at lightening speed. Then with the five minutes to go — tragedy! St Pats were awarded a penalty.

Alex Aroys stepped up to the spot and had the resultant shot parried and a follow up shot saved.

Excitement was at fever pitch — the penalty had to be retaken. Poor Alex, this time he shot over the bar.

Holy Cross held on to win.

Then a noisy exuberant JJ Cahill High crowd of supporters were momentarily silenced when a dreadful mixup allowed a back pass to be put past their own keeper, for a shock Strathfield South lead.

However midway

through the first half a blunder by the opposition keeper allowed the equaliser. A cross from Peter Fragakis went through the goalkeeper's hands into the net.

A good fast skilful game resulted with Fragakis and Andrew Anastianinou for JJ Cahill and Caleb Finks for Strathfield outstanding.

Good defence on both sides kept the score at 1-1, till with three minutes remaining a JJ Cahill player was brought down and Peter Fragakis stepped up to the spot to score the winning goal.

OAK—BILL TURNER CUP

EARLY PROMISE

THE early prediction by coach Geoff Cowell that Warrawong was a good thing in the 1986 Oak Bill Turner Cup has certainly proved to be pretty close to the mark.

They have reached the final of the South Coast section of the competition by defeating Smith's Hill.

Smith's Hill showed early promise to hold Warrawong nil-all at half time in 30 minutes of football played at a blistering pace.

However the tempo began to tell on Smith's Hill, who this year had entered the series for the first time. They found that the bigger and stronger lads from Warrawong had too much all round ability.

All of the Warrawong players are associated with the Lake Heights Under 15 side that is currently leading the Illawarra competition.

Warrawong 5 (Tony Taneski 3, Dario Martinez, Lupco Ilioski) d Smith's Hill 0.

The South Coast's second semi-final of the Cup required players made of the "sterner stuff". After a really great match Woonona defeated Port Kembla for the right to play Warrawong in the regional final.

While having a very slight territorial advantage in the first half Woonona moved to a 1-0 lead by the interval. Tony Hall converted an excellent play following a driving run by Jason Badger, who crossed to Steven Green who volleyed the ball for Hall to score.

Port Kembla equalised when Ian Morris was awarded a penalty from a trip which Jimmy Sbrinovski gleefully converted. This spurred Port to a greater effort but both sides had to be

HUGE ENTRIES FOR OAK TURNER CUP

THE POPULAR Oak Turner Cup for under 15 schoolboys only got under way in 1979.

Three seasons later it expanded to become a state-wide event, and it certainly has not looked back from there.

It has the advantage of being open to all schools — a point that could be applied across the board in schoolboy Soccer to great advantage.

This year no less than 300 schools entered the Cup, which is now sponsored by Hunter Dairy products under their Oak label.

Newcastle is proud of the fact that Belmont, Glendale, Cessnock and Wallsend High Schools have all won the com-

petition, but it seems that a lot of schools from elsewhere in the state will be pressing for future honours.

In particular it is easy to predict that one of the private schools will collect the honours within a few years.

Last year's finals were held in Canberra. This year the hosts will be the Newcastle district.

Semi-finals are scheduled for the compact and well floodlit Macquarie Field at Speers Point on Lake Macquarie on August 19, with the Cup final the following night.

BY BILL TURNER FROM GARY KEMP

content with a one-all score at full time.

The mood of the game changed in extra time as Woonona began to take charge. Good goalkeeping kept the scores level until the eighth minute when Steven Green scored from a screamer.

A goalmouth scramble saw Scott Madden slip in a third goal for Woonona to virtually seal the match. Coach

Noel Clegg was visible elated.

However, with but one minute remaining Port Kembla got one back when there was an identical course of events as Ian Morris was brought down and Jimmy Sbrinovski converted the penalty kick.

Woonona 3 (Tony Hall, Steven Green, Scott Madden) defeated Port Kembla 2 (Jimmy Sbrinovski 2).

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

ROUND 15

DIVISION 1

Table with 4 columns: Team, Opponent, U/13, U/14, U/15, U/16. Rows include B'town City vs Nepean Assoc, Illawarra vs Melita, Marconi vs Apia Leich, Gladesville vs Cant Marrick, St George vs Syd Olympic.

DIVISION 2

Table with 4 columns: Team, Opponent, U/13, U/14, U/15, U/16. Rows include Granville Assoc vs Sth Districts, Nth Bankstown vs Ku-ring-gai, Central Coast vs Sutherland, Macarthur Assoc vs Sydney City, Avala vs Manly Assoc.

DIVISION 3

Table with 4 columns: Team, Opponent, U/13, U/14, U/15, U/16. Rows include Croatia Syd vs Campbelltown, Bankstown vs Syd Yugal, Polonia Syd vs Blacktown Ass, Rockdale vs U. Auburn.

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Table with 4 columns: Team, Opponent, U/11, U/12. Rows include Illawarra vs Bankstown, Canterbury vs Gladesville, Granville vs Blacktown, St George vs Central Coast, Nepean vs Sutherland.

NEWCASTLE SCHOOLS EXCEL IN OAK CUP

THREE great games in the OAK Bill Turner Cup competition were played at Macquarie Field, Speers Point on Wednesday June 25.

BY BILL TURNER

In the 5.30 game Jesmond started off at a blistering pace and almost ran Kotara off their feet during the first ten minutes.

However Kotara fought back and upset Jesmond by spreading the ball wide and by half time had Jesmond reeling with three well-taken goals.

In the second half Kotara increased their lead and appeared to be getting stronger.

Jesmond keeper Nunan lost the ball and substitute player Wrighton was on hand to knock in the fourth goal.

Kotara 4 (S. Richards, M. Michlis, W. Grothem, P. Wrighton) defeated Jesmond 0. Referee Ray Ashbourne.

In the second game of the evening Newcastle High set the pace early but the Whitebridge machine soon showed that they were going to be hard to beat.

Dean Scott scored from 12 yards out to give Whitebridge a 1-0 lead at half time.

In the second half Whitebridge sent wave after wave of attacking movements into the

Newcastle penalty area, forcing them to play a very defensive game.

It was no surprise when after fifteen minutes Shayne Williams headed in a corner to start the goal scoring off again. He was the pick of the winners.

Whitebridge 5 (Shayne Williams 2, Brett Eldridge, Dean Scott, Jim Magnisalis) defeated Newcastle 0. Referee Ron Arthur.

Perhaps the final game of the night was the most even, although it was the least entertaining.

The two styles did not lend themselves to the excitement of the two earlier games.

Glendale eventually ran out winners over Warners Bay and probably deserved the victory because of a slightly stronger defence.

Glendale teams have reached the final of the Bill Turner Cup on three previous occasions. They won in 1981 and were runners-up in 1982 and 1985.

Glendale 1 (Murray Bailey) defeated Warners Bay 0. Referee Dennis Jackson.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION

Table with 10 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include AIS, Sydney City, St George, Blacktown, Canberra, Marconi, Sydney Olympic, Leichhardt, Canterbury, Newcastle, Wollongong, Croatia, Inter-Monaro.

CANTERBURY 1 (Arambasic) AIS 3 (P. Foster, Trimboli, Van Blerk). SYDNEY CITY 1 (Sharpe) MARCONI 0. WOLLONGONG 0 BLACKTOWN 4 (Quarmby, Gendle, Bourke, Edmonds). CROATIA 0 NEWCASTLE 2 (Penfold (2)). LEICHHARDT 1 (Dounis) ST GEORGE 2 (Caban (Pen.) KOTSIAS). SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 INTER-MONARO 1. CANBERRA v CANTERBURY (Postponed).

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE SOUTHERN DIVISION

Table with 10 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include Sunshine, Heidelberg, Sth Melbourne, Melb Croatia, Brighton, Bruns. Juve., Nunawading, Preston, Green Gully, Footscray, Frankston, Fawkner.

FRANKSTON 3 GREEN GULLY 3. STH MELBOURNE 4 FOOTSCRAY 2. MELB. CROATIA 1 HEIDELBERG 4. SUNSHINE 1 BRUNS. JUVE. 3. NUNAWADING v FAWKNER (Postponed). PRESTON v BRIGHTON (Postponed).

AIS RETAIN LEAD IN NAT. Y. LEAGUE NORTH

THE four leading clubs continued to open a gap at the head of the ladder as Canberra dropped off the pace a little when their scheduled clash with Canberra was deferred.

AIS remained two points clear of a bunch of three snapping at their heels after downing Canterbury 3-1 at Arlington Oval.

The Berries took the lead in the 20th minute through Zladko Arambasic but an equaliser

from Paul Foster and late goals from Paul Trimboli and Jason Van Blerk gave the Institute the points.

Sydney City remained second on goal difference following their 1-0 victory against Marconi.

The match was as tight as the scorline would suggest with both keepers, Paul Jones for the Leopards and new signing Colin Darcy for the Slickers helping to keep the score low.

Dane Sharpe netted for the Slickers three minutes into the second period and this was enough to give them a deserved win.

POOL FINALISTS

THE 16 pool finalists have, almost been decided in this year's OAK Bill Turner Cup series. One or two areas are a week behind the others but should be ready very soon.

Pool finalists are:

Ballina v Lismore; Forster or Wingham v Westport or Orara; Glendale v Cardiff; Kotara v West Wallsend; Tamworth v Armidale; Duval or T.A.S.; Whitebridge v Broadmeadow; Umina v Woy Woy or St Edwards; Gosford; Balgowlah v Normanhurst oys; Holy Cross, Ryde v St Patricks, Dundas; St Dominics v Rooty Hill; Condell Park v Patrician Bros, Fairfield; Canterbury Boys' v Sylvania; Strathfield South v J.J. Cahill; Warrawong v

Woonona; Wade, Griffiths or Albury North v Belconnen, Watson, Canberra, Melba or Campbell; Kelso, Bathurst v St Johns, Dubbo. Last years winner, Canberra and runners-up Glendale have made good efforts again.

The semi-finalists in former years to do well are Forster, Tamworth (winner 1980), Patrician Bros, Fairfield and Woonona.

Missing from the last 16 for the first time in a number of years is Connobolas from out in the West in NSW.

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THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE



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QUEENSLAND'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BRISBANE became State Champions for the seventh time at the titles held in Geebung last month.

The final four placings of the Queensland State titles, went to Brisbane, Toowoomba, Gold Coast with Mackay in fourth place.

Left-winger Leonne Yep Yep (Brisbane's top goalscorer), provided the best performance for Brisbane during the titles. Both of Brisbane's goalkeepers, Robyn Priest and Kay O'Sullivan, were not really tested over the whole Championship, despite the Brisbane team electing to play with only three defenders.

A new star was unearthed during the titles, in Coalstars' 17 year old, Maria Rodgers. She made a most impressive debut for her side at fullback and her consistent, solid display earned her selection in the State team.

For Toowoomba, the runners up, their best performer was central midfielder Gail Schneider.

W.A. WINS

LAST YEAR'S U17 runners-up Western Australia converted a penalty kick to defeat current National Champions NSW 1-0 in the second round at St George Stadium on Sunday.

Although NSW was the more skilful side, the WA girls stuck to their guns and kept NSW at bay.

For the home side midfielder Katrina Alexander was sound and defender Tracey Wadsworth held possession and passed the ball cleanly from the defence.

In U15 grade NSW's Rebecca Scott was fortunate indeed to wriggle her way through a melee in the Northern NSW defence to score for a 1-0 win.

SCORES: U15: NNSW 1, Tas 0. NSW 0, SQ 0. SQ 1, Tas 0. NSW 1, NNSW 0. U17: Tas 2, NT 1. SQ 2, ACT 1. Vic 0, WA 0. NSW 1, NNSW 0. Vic 0, ACT 0. WA 1, NSW 0.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

er, who was a State squad member last year in the Melbourne titles.

Brisbane would have liked to have met up again with the Gold Coast team as the two last met in the final of the Referees' Cup. But in an upset result, Toowoomba defeated the Gold Coasters on a corner-countback, 3-2 after extra time was played and the scoreline was still deadlocked at 1-1.

The semi final win brought together Toowoomba with Brisbane in the final. It was a repeat of last year's final but the scoreline this time favoured the stars from Brisbane 8-0.

Gold Coast gained four State Squad berths for Lindi Robinson (goalkeeper), Moanna Breckleman (fullback),

plus Klara Szabo and Connie Burns (Selby).

Connie is a former Australian player and married a former National coach, Jim Selby. The Selbys have moved from Bundaberg to the Gold Coast.

Mackay achieved one of the best results in the series. With virtually a brand new team, Mackay did extremely well to finish in fourth place out of a total of 10 teams competing.

Mackay went down on corners to the Gold Coasters in a tight semi-final.

Mackay's Donna Fredrickson's excellent performances earned her "Player of the Titles", an award she previously won back in 1984.

Mackay also had two of their players selected in the Queensland Under 17s squad. They were F. Baker and C Gamme.

Of all the sides that did not make the semis, Townsville was the best. Townsville provided tough opposition going

down 2-0 to Gold Coast, 1-0 to Toowoomba and defeating South Burnett 2-0.

Ipswich disappointed in the titles considering the number of State reps they had in their team. One bright note for Ipswich was the return to good form of their International, Terri McQueen. Terri had made a comeback from a nasty knee injury.

After the finals, the Queensland teams were announced. The open squad is a large one but will be trimmed back to a final 18 on the 2nd of August. There are no less than nine newcomers to the State squad.

They are: Fiona Worsley (Toowoomba) Lindi Robinson, Vanessa Bunch, Moanna Breckleman (Gold Coast), D. Crouchen, Leanne Bird (Ipswich), Maria Rodgers, Robyn Priest, Sandy Walsh (Brisbane).

Former State squad players making a comeback for the National titles this year, are: Connie Burns, Kerry Mill-

man, Sharon Wass, Kay O'Sullivan, Lisa Hadley, Leonne Yoh Yep, Lynne Geddes.

The Queensland squad commenced training under the guidance of their coach, Fred Robins, at the Queensland University. Team manageress for the Queensland team will once again be Ms Marisse Stephens.

OLD U17 TEAM

1. J Wortley Nt Star, 2. H Mackay Redlands, 3. R Dower Nt Star, 4. L Augustine Kingsridge, 5. S O'Brien Merton East, 6. L Morgeun Gold Coast, 7. A Jones Toowoomba, 8. C Barsby Souths, 9. K Coomber Nt Star, 10. M Soppa Coalstars, 11. K Rowe Nerang, 12. J Warwick Nerang, 13. S. Clayton Gold Coast, 14. M Ray Gold Coast, 15. F Baker Mackay, 16. C Gamme Mackay.

Shadow Player: T Downie Gold Coast. Coach: Mr G Pfulh.

STATE TITLES RESULTS 1986

Sat Round 1

Toowoomba 4 d Sunshine Coast 1. Gold Coast 2 d Townsville 0. Mackay 2 d St Burnett 0. Ipswich 4 d Rockhampton 0. Brisbane 3 d Brisbane Youth 0.

Sun Round 2

Brisbane Youth 8 d Sunshine Coast 1. Toowoomba 1 d Townsville 0. Gold Coast 2 d Ipswich 0. Brisbane Open 6 d St Burnett 0. Mackay 3 d Rockhampton 0.

Round 3

Ipswich 2 dw Brisbane Youth 2. Mackay 3 d Toowoomba 0. Brisbane Open 10 d Rockhampton 0. Gold Coast 10 d Sunshine Coast 0. Townsville 2 d St Burnett 0.

Mon Final 3/4th place
Gold Coast 1 d Mackay 1 (2 corners 0 extra time). Brisbane 10 d Mackay 0.

Grand Final 1st/2nd place

Brisbane 8 d Toowoomba 0. Toowoomba 1 d Gold Coast 1 (3 corners to 2 extra time).

QUEENSLAND OPEN SQUAD

1. S Bueback Toowoomba, 2. G Schneider Toowoomba, 3. F Worsley Toowoomba, 4. K Szabo Gold Coast, 5. C Burns Gold Coast, 6. L Robinson Gold Coast, 7. V Bunch Gold Coast, 8. M Breckleman Gold Coast, 9. D Fredrickson Mackay, 10. T McQueen Ipswich, 11. M Sawyers Ipswich, 12. L Geddes Ipswich, 13. T Smith Ipswich, 14. O Crouchen Ipswich, 15. L Bird Ipswich, 16. K Janssen Ipswich, 17. J Millman Brisbane, 18. K Millman Brisbane, 19. L Yoh Yeh Brisbane.

Coach: Mr F Robins. Manageress: Miss M Stephens.

ALBURY WODONGA SEEKS AFFILIATION WITH ACT

THE Albury Wodonga Women's Soccer Association (AWWSA) has requested affiliation with the ACTWSA, a move which will force re-examination of the traditional "State" borders in Soccer.

The AWWSA has decided that they will not be renewing their affiliation with the NSW Women's Federation this year and is looking to the ACT to be its new State body.

The ACTWSA's Club meeting endorsed the Management Committee meeting with the AWWSA Executive.

The ACTWSA Committee feels the increased competition will assist both Associations in their development and

will provide the ACT with a larger pool of potential representative players.

As a first step, the ACTWSA is endeavouring to arrange a series of invitational games between first division teams in both Associations.

This will be on a home and away basis, which should not impose too much of a burden on teams from either Association.

It is not intended that the Associations will be integrated into a single competition.

Proposals under consideration at the moment include a "State Championships" to be held on future June long weekends or perhaps a Club Cup tournament could incorporate teams from the AWWSA.

The composition of the AWWSA is 9 senior

teams and a couple of junior teams.

Details of the draft development plan are being finalised and the finished product should be available to Clubs within the next week or two. The main aims of the plan can be summarised as follows:—

- 15% growth per annum for the next five years.
- Establishment of a junior comp. asap
- Improved Rep performance, including entry of U15 team in 1988
- Reduce the cost burden on Rep squads
- Improve Club administration, continuity and stability
- Increase player involvement in State and National administration
- Achieve financial self-sufficiency and self government
- Employ part time development officer



Brisbane Open 1986 Old State Champions for the Seventh time

OLD U15 TEAM

1. D Burns Redlands, 2. T Young Souths, 3. M Bale Souths, 4. K. Ashton Invala, 5. N Dower Nt Star, 6. J Jarman Gold Coast, 7. K Ketter Redlands, 8. M Sheyka Grange, 9. Y Stafford Souths, 10. S McKinney-Smith Inala, 11. C Turner Gold Coast, 12. M Fenech Soccettes, 13. S Janssen Gold Coast, 14. R Rehbock Merton, 15. K Parsons Souths, 16. A L Edwards Sth Burnett.

Shadow player — C Nichols (Inala).

Coach: Mrs L Ketter.



Tasmanian central striker Louise Pringle (dark shirt) rounds a Northern Territory defender in the 2-1 win over Northern Territory at Sydney Athletic Field.

LAWFULLY YOURS *Focus* WARWICK YOUNG WOLLONGONG

THE many years of university studies, sacrifice and determination have finally brought reward for Marconi and former Socceroo midfielder dynamo Peter Tredinnick.

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

One of the longest serving players in the Olympic Airways National League having made over 200 NSL appearances since his debut with Newcastle KB United in 1978, the 26 year old Tredinnick has been successful in combining his Soccer career with countless hours of studying law which now sees him on the verge of entering the legal profession.

After receiving his University degree earlier this year, Tredinnick was admitted as an employed solicitor by one of Sydney's largest and most respected legal firms — Phillips Fox — where he hopes to establish a field in sports law as well as catering for the traditional every-

day legal needs.

Peter believes that there is a lack of specialised attention given to specific areas of sport such as contracts, transfers, tribunals, player and club sponsorship deals and many other matters relating to all types of sport.

"The area of law can be very complex," Tredinnick admits "and a gap certainly exists in sport related matters that needs to be filled by someone who has a special interest and understanding of them."

The difficulties that are bound to be encountered by Tredinnick in establishing himself in the legal profession whilst continuing to play professional Soccer are not underestimated by him. However he has no doubts that he will be able to manage to do both successfully.

"I have devoted too many years of my life to Soccer to give it away now, and the long time that I have spent in combining university studies with my Soccer career has given me the discipline required to enable me to be successful in both areas."

Tredinnick has proved himself to be one of the most competitive players in Australian Soccer in a career that has seen him move from his native Newcastle to Wollongong City, APIA Leichhardt and finally Marconi while picking up international honours for Australia along the way. It is this competitive nature that leaves no doubt in anyone's mind that Tredinnick will be just as successful in the field of law as he has been for many years on the football pitch.

FULL NAME: Warwick Young
NICKNAME: 'WASA'
BIRTH DATE: 8.12.59
BIRTH PLACE: Wollongong
HEIGHT: 188
WEIGHT: 85K
CLUB AND POSITION: Wol. City — Goalkeeper
PREVIOUS CLUBS: St George, Fairy Meadow
REP. HONOURS: Nil
SENIOR DEBUT:
RESIDENCE: Corrimal-Wollongong
GREATEST MOMENT: Selected in St George first team — 1984
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being dropped from St George first team
EYE COLOUR: Blue
HAIR COLOUR: Brown
MARITAL STATUS: Single



OCCUPATION: Electrician
MAKE OF CAR: Kingswood
FAVOURITE DISH: Lobster Mornay
FAVOURITE DRINK: Beer
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Beverley Hills Cop
LAST BOOK READ: 'Shilton' (How to stop goals)
FAVOURITE PERFORMERS: Barry Humphries
FAVOURITE MUSIC TYPE: Rock — Elton John
SPECIAL INTEREST/HOBBIES: All sports — water skiing
WORST INJURY: Hamstring tear
MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: Quite a few
AMBITIONS: To win Lotto
FAVOURITE NSL PLAYER: None at the moment

QUEENSLAND COACHES ARE REALISTIC

THE Queensland Soccer Federation almost certainly will review their President's Cup format for next season.

BY GREG RUSSELL

There was considerable controversy surrounding last week's inaugural cup play-off between leading first round XXXX league teams Easts and Coalstars.

In past years the President's Cup has automatically gone to the club leading the state's premier competition at the end of the first round.

But acting on a plea from the XXXX league clubs for more matches during the season, the management committee decided to introduce a play-off for the cup.

In other codes the cup is usually put up when the leading two first round teams clash next in the second round.

But the QSF believed it ludicrous to have a first round trophy that may not be decided until weeks later.

A fixture reshuffle was considered once the two teams were known, but commitments to the pools prevented the switch. As a result the cup play-off was scheduled mid-week between the ninth and 10th rounds of competition.

But with no points riding on the match, and the return only a trophy, it came as no surprise when the coaches involved hedged at putting out their best sides.

Coalstars' Brian Styles went to print saying he would rest three star players who were carrying slight knocks while his Easts counterpart John Sime left out Phil Redmond, who was just a card away from suspension.

The QSF reacted angrily and president Ian Brusasco accused the clubs of not acting in the spirit of the promotion.

But with \$10,000 riding on this year's XXXX League grand final it was little wonder Styles and Sime were more interested in their forthcoming fixture rather than the Cup match. To finish top of the table

earns a club two bites at the grand final Cherry.

With that in mind it would not surprise if the President's Cup was scheduled with more flexibility and greater incentive in mind next season.

Meanwhile the XXXX League program draws one step closer to a certain thrilling climax this weekend.

The match of the round will be the local Ipswich Derby between Coalstars and Ipswich United at Ebbw Vale. Coalstars are still yet to score a win over Ipswich United since the restructuring, and the first round clash at Bundamba was yet another draw between the fiercely competitive sides.

But in that match, stars did not have the services of experienced Ipswich United defender Ian Lawrie, whose transfer mysteriously went through shortly after the clash after being held up for weeks beforehand.

With Dave Wheeler back to his best form, Coalstars look to have their best chance in years of scoring a win over their neighbours. And to do that at Ebbw Vale would be even sweeter.

Other games this weekend include a Soccer headquarters clash between North Star and Mount Gravatt. North Star's form has been in different through the middle season period, but Mount Gravatt's has been worse.

Hawks' coach Eric Thompson has drilled his side on commitment in recent weeks. This will be one match which will test whether they have listened.

The hot and cold Grange Thistle meet the equally inconsistent Taringa this weekend, while Lions host Easts in what is a return to Richlands for Phil Redmond and Jim McDonagh. The other match is the battle of the tailenders between Wynnum and Olympic United.

ALL THE WORLD CUP VITAL STATISTICS

LEADING SCORERS IN FINAL SERIES

- 6: Gary Lineker (Eng).
- 5: Emilio Butragueno (Spain), Careca (Braz), Diego Maradona (Arg).
- 4: Preben Elkjaer (Den), Sandro Altobelli (Italy), Igor Belanov (USSR), Jorge Valdano (Arg).
- 3: Rudi Voeller (W Ger), Jesper Olsen (Den), Jan Ceulemans (Belg), Nico Claesen (Belg).
- 2: Julio Romero (Parag), Ivan Yaremchuk (USSR), Klaus Allofs (W Ger), Fernando Quirarte (Mex), Roberto Cabanas (Parag), Abderrazak Khairi (Morocco), Ramon Caldera (Spain), Yannick Stopyra (Fra), Enzo Scifo (Belg), Jean-Pierre Papin (Fra), Josimar (Braz), Socrates (Braz), Michel Platini (Fra), Jorge Burruchaga (Arg).

STATISTICS

Total goals: 132 goals in 52 matches, average 2.54 per game (1982 average 2.8, record average 5.3 — 1954).

Leading individual scorer: Gary Lineker (Eng) 6.

Most individual goals in one match: Emilio Butragueno (Spain) 4 v Denmark.

Highest team aggregate: Argentina 14.

Highest team score in one match: Soviet Union 6 v Hungary, Denmark 6 v Uruguay.

Highest match aggregate: 7 — Denmark 6 Uruguay 1, Belgium 4 Soviet Union 3.

Best goalkeeping record: Carlos (Braz) 401 minutes without conceding goal.

Fastest goal: Emilio Butragueno (Spain) 63 seconds v Northern Ireland.

Players sent off: 8 — Mike Sweeney (Can), Ray Wilkins (Eng), Basil Gourgies (Iraq), Miguel Bossio (Urug), Jose Batista (Urug), Frank Arnesen (Den), Thomas Berthold (W Ger), Javier Aguirre (Mex).



The Germans know they're gone.

AUSTRALIA BACK ON A PAR WITH ALL THE OTHER COUNTRIES

WELL the World Cup is over for another year. But the count down starts almost immediately for the next one in 1990 in Italy.

BY ALAN VEST

Countries who made the finals in Mexico and the ones who missed out on the way will be going back to the drawing board to start their build up. For many the first steps will be with a new national coach who will then plan out a formula to ensure an appropriate build up over the next two to three years.

Australia is now back on the same course as every other national team and Frank Arok has already embarked on his first steps.

Obviously his main short term objective is to get the team to the Olympics in Korea in 1988.

It was great news to see the planned format

for the Oceania groups with the two divisions in Australia and New Zealand eventually playing off with Israel.

This is nothing more than the correct way to go about things, after all it is the Oceania group.

A big problem facing Arok is what do about his overseas contingent. Some of his top players are playing in some of the best football in the world. David Mitchell in Germany, Eddie Krinacovic in Belgium, Jim Patikas in Greece and Oscar Crino in Cyprus.

Other countries have similar problems with Denmark's entire national squad playing outside their own country.

But the difference in that problem to Australia is immense. All their

players are playing in similar competitions to their own countries and within easy access to get to training and games.

Australian overseas players are playing at a different time and in a different time zone.

Transport is not easy and costs are enormous.

So the lead up games against Czechoslovakia and the other games this year are going to be vital to see whether the home based players can slot into a team unit good enough to satisfy the national coach that they can do the job.

Time is short and the lead up games to the Olympics will be here before too long. With the obvious interest in the game after Mexico and the value of getting to the finals enormous for the game, everyone has to be backing the team in that quest.

IT'S TOTONERO SCANDALS IN ITALY

NOT only has Italy's demise in the World Cup brought dark clouds over their football but the continuing saga of the 'Totonero' bribery scandals continue.

As Roma have already been ousted from European competition for this upcoming season. Their president (now ex) Dino Viola has been suspended for five years by UEFA for being involved in attempting to hand over 100 million lire to French referee Michel Vautrot who controlled

the AS Roma-Dundee United European Cup semi-final second leg two years ago.

The Italian press is now full of stories about the "Camorra", a Naples branch of the Mafia, seeking to gain control of officials so that they can manipulate the illegal betting pool which is in opposition to

the State-controlled TOTOCALCIO organisation.

Now Italian police have instructed Napoli general manager Italo Allodi to report for questioning regarding an alleged "arrangement" with Udinese's director Tito Corsi to fix a 1-1 draw between their

teams on November 24th last year.

Allodi has resigned his position with Napoli.

The possibility is that Napoli and Udine could both end up in the Italian second division (Serie B).

To top it off Verona have also been mentioned with Napoli's

troubles, and by some stretch of the imagination a section of the Italian press has accused their national team of arranging their World Cup first round 1-1 draw with ultimate champions Argentina.

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE HEROIC

DIEGO MARADONA was exultant to say the least after his side's 3-2 World Cup Final victory over West Germany but West German keeper Harald Schumacher was the complete opposite.

Maradona declared himself the "King of the World" after Argentina's win. At Mexico City airport, before he and his team prepared to fly back to an amazing welcome back in Buenos Aires, Maradona at his most confident, declared he felt like a real "World Champion".

"I am the greatest", was bellowed out with gusto. "Obviously I can't say I'm the best player in the world, but I can say I feel like a world champion and I will. Argentina is a great side and we're the world

champions and I tell you something — I'm proud of it."

He continued, "That was the greatest day of my life and I'm proud of having led the side to win the World Cup."

In stark contrast 'Toni' Schumacher was shouldering all the blame for his side's loss.

He declared from the German headquarters: "I blame myself for two of the goals and I should have stopped them. I completely misjudged the first which they should never have

scored.

"Why I rushed out like a mad bull, I will never know. I should also have stopped their third and winning goal.

"It was a bad day for me and the worst of my career. This was my second World Cup final and more was expected of me and instead I let everyone down.

"What else can I say now — the damage has been done."

The unsung hero in the Argentinian team had to be Jose Luis Brown. The rugged defender dislocated his right shoulder in the 50th minute after



KARL-HEINZ FOERSTER

clashing with Karl-Heinz Foerster and kept going for the final 40 minutes in sheer agony.

Brown, one of the heroes of the Argentinian campaign, only got his chance when the regular libero, Daniel Passarella, was struck down with a serious stomach ailment only days before the series kick-off.

Of the 30-year-old Nacional player, manager Carlos Bilardo says, "I don't know how he did it, he deserved two medals. It was a tremendous effort and he has my utmost respect.

"The only reason why I didn't substitute him was that I had nobody else to replace him. We were desperate, if he had come off we were gone."

THE WORLD TEAMS

AS tradition would have it, immediately after the World Cup ends the sports writers, reporters, commentators, coaches and everyone else sits down to pick their world team.

This is one that came out of Associated Press from Mexico: Harald Schumacher (West Germany), Josimar (Brazil), Julio Cesar (Brazil), Maxime Bossis (France), Manuel Amoros (France), Luis Fernandez (France), Diego Maradona (Argentina), Jan Ceulemans (Belgium), Careca (Brazil), Igor Belanov (USSR), Michael Laudrup (Denmark).

ALL THE WORLD CUP VITAL STATISTICS

FINAL POSITIONS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Argentina	6	1	0	14	5	13
2 West Germany	4	1	2	8	7	9
3 France	5	1	1	12	6	11
4 Belgium	3	1	3	12	15	7
5 Brazil	4	0	1	10	1	8
6 Mexico	3	1	1	6	2	7
7 Spain	3	0	2	11	4	6
8 England	2	1	2	7	3	5
9 Denmark	3	0	1	10	6	6
10 Soviet U	2	1	1	12	5	5
11 Morocco	1	2	1	3	2	4
12 Italy	1	2	1	5	6	4
13 Paraguay	1	2	1	4	6	4
14 Poland	1	1	2	1	7	3
15 Bulgaria	0	2	2	2	6	2
16 Uruguay	0	2	2	2	8	2
17 Portugal	1	0	2	2	4	2
18 Hungary	1	0	2	2	9	2
19 Scotland	0	1	2	1	3	1
20 Sth Korea	0	1	2	4	7	1
21 N Ireland	0	1	2	2	6	1
22 Algeria	0	1	2	1	5	1
23 Iraq	0	0	3	1	4	0
24 Canada	0	0	3	0	5	0

RANKINGS ON NUMBER OF GOALS SCORED

	Goals	Games
Argentina.....	14	7
France.....	12	7
Belgium.....	12	7
Soviet Union.....	12	4
Spain.....	11	5
Denmark.....	10	4
Brazil.....	10	5
West Germany.....	8	7
England.....	7	5
Mexico.....	6	5
Italy.....	5	4
Paraguay.....	4	4
South Korea.....	4	3
Morocco.....	3	4
Bulgaria.....	2	4
Hungary.....	2	3
Northern Ireland.....	2	3
Portugal.....	2	3
Uruguay.....	2	4
Poland.....	1	4
Algeria.....	1	3
Iraq.....	1	3
Scotland.....	1	3
Canada.....	0	3

Below is the 1979 rest of the World side that met and defeated then World Champions, Argentina 3-1 in Buenos Aires.



HARALD SCHUMACHER



Rest of the world, left to right, back row: Delgado (doctor), Kaltz, Tardelli, Asensi, Pezzey, Koncilia, Cabrini, Wolff (physio). Middle: Van'aggiato (staff), Boniek, Peronace (manager), Krol, Bearzot (manager), Platini, Pereda (coach). Front: Causio, Rossi, Tahamata.

ASW presents a pictorial tribute to the man whose skills delighted millions during the 1986 World Cup — DIEGO MARADONA.



MARADONA

- 1—MARADONA rounds English keeper Peter Shilton to score what many consider the best goal of the 1986 Mexican World Cup.
- 2—Exultant after beating England in the quarter-finals.
- 3—Launching into a shot to score against Italy in the first round.
- 4—Scoring his first in the quarter-final against England, with his hand!
- 5—Delighted as Argentina win the World Cup.
- 6—Beating Belgian keeper Jean-Marie Pfaff to score his brilliant second in the semi-final victory.
- 7—Hurdling a desperate Bulgarian defender in the first round.
- 8—Crashing to the ground in agony after being brought down by a South Korean defender in the first round.
- 9—Flicking home his first against Belgium

Wide World of Football



WHERE TO NOW FOR "PABLITO"?

THE biggest anti-climax of the World Cup Finals certainly concerned goalscorer extraordinaire PAOLO ROSSI, who was expected to partner the lethal ALESSANDRO ALTOBELLI in the Italian front-line.

But for reasons only known to himself the then Italian manager ENZO BEARZOT decided to neglect the former golden boy — known as Pablito — and never seemingly entertained the thought of entering him into the World Cup frenzy.

Instead he chose to use Giuseppe Galderisi who by any standards could not be described as a lethal striker. Throughout the four games in which he played, if memory serves correctly, he had but two shots on goal.

All very well though if he did the hard, grafting work to enable Altobelli to be the marksman, but this was not the case once again.

In fact in the fateful

2-0 loss to France, Altobelli was a tireless worker even when he had three men on him every time he was in possession.

After asserting himself as the number one Italian striker and one of the world's best Altobelli has in his wisdom called it a day on the international scene, taking the angle that: "It will give the younger players a chance."

But do the Italians really need this? With Rossi, Aldo Serena, Bruno Giordano and Roberto Pruzzo all neglected and Galderisi being so impotent and Gianluca Vialli and Roberto Mancini so young one must certainly wonder.

The door may still have a slight opening for

Rossi to end his career in some style. Only just turned 30 and having moved to Verona to reunite with a former Juventus team-mate in Beniamino Vignola, he may have the lease of life he has been looking for.

With the European Championship qualifiers starting soon Italy are in need of strikers who can do just that — strike.

Rossi is a proven goalscorer. He was unjustly treated in Mexico by one of his most ardent fans in Bearzot. But as one Italian fan said: "Even if he was carrying an injury Rossi could have still done so much better than some of the others with one good leg!"

During the Cup Rossi claimed that, "As long as the team wins I'm

happy." Well so much for that.

Not only was Rossi wrongly neglected but so was Italy's best striker next to Altobelli, Aldo Serena of Juventus. The word was that he didn't have the best of relationships with Bearzot but it seems unfounded.

Bearzot was delighted with Serena's lead-up to the Cup and in his few matches for Italy prior to the Mexican kick-off but the real problem seemed to be the managers' tactics.

He made one enormous blunder against France in bringing into the team Giuseppe Baresi to mark Michel Platini, something he failed to do.

How Altobelli and Bruno Conti could have thrived so much more with Rossi by their side.



PAOLO ROSSI feels the rigours of training in the rarified atmosphere of Mexico. Rossi never got a chance to show off his wares in Mexico.

CONTI'S HOLD UP!

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD ... PRIOR to the Mexican World Cup Italian midfielder BRUNO CONTI went to Amsterdam, Holland to have treatment for a tendon injury, but fortunately for him the problem was nothing out of the ordinary.

Times are proving difficult for professional footballers at the Flumicino airport in Rome.

As with Brazilian keeper Gilmar before him, Conti was hauled away for having excessive money in his luggage.

Gilmar in fact was some \$1,000 over the limit.

The Conti 'arrest' ended when the chief superintendent intervened, giving the brilliant Roman a verbal admonishment and a request not to carry excess money in the future.

As usual the Italian press leapt at the opportunity and immediately hit the streets with Conti's imminent transfer to Ajax of Amsterdam!



BRUNO CONTI in the wars!

BIG NAMES ARE GONE

IT seems that this recently past World Cup has seen the last of some of the most famous names in footballing history.

quent enough.

The retirements and imminent announcements of unavailability will leave gaping holes in many a national side.

The first shock was the retirement of ALESSANDRO ALTOBELLI, the brilliant Italian striker, and Northern Ireland's great keeper PAT JENNINGS. He has now been joined by Germans Hans-Peter Briegel, Felix Magath, Dieter Hoeneß and Ditmar Jakobs.

They should be followed in quick time by this illustrious group — Gaetano Scirea (Italy), Alain Giresse (France), Socrates and Zico (Brazil), Morten Olsen (Denmark), Daniel Passarella (Argentina), Tibor Nyilasi (Hungary) and Graeme Souness (Scotland).

Michel Platini, despite being utterly dispirited by France's elimination at the hands of West Germany, will continue as their kingpin and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has his spot at his disposal if he wants to continue. He is assured of a position according to Franz Beckenbauer.

Sadly one of Italy's greatest-ever liberos, Gaetano Scirea, has not got the 'legs' to continue in the sweeping role; he was caught out too many times in Mexico. Passarella was cut down by a shocking stomach ailment and his place is being superbly filled by Jose Luis Brown whilst Nyilasi's back problem kept him out of the Hungarian side.



ALESSANDRO ALTOBELLI raises his arm in triumph after scoring the first goal of the World Cup Finals.

GOLDEN BOOT GARY IS BARCELONA BOUND!

ENGLISH STRIKER GARY LINEKER, who won the Golden Boot of the Mexican World Cup for scoring the most goals in the competition (six), has joined Mark Hughes of Wales at Spanish club, FC BARCELONA.



(Above) GARY LINEKER joins MARK HUGHES (below left) at Barcelona who is besieged by photographers at the Nou Camp.

Officials at Barcelona, managed by Englishman Terry Venables, confirmed last week that they'd signed Lineker from Everton for six years.

The transfer fee is estimated at some \$6,000,000.



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The signing of Lineker creates an interesting situation at Barcelona. They now have four foreigners on their books, when in fact they are allowed only two. They are Lineker, Hughes, Steve Archibald (Scotland) and Bernd Schuster (West Germany).

It is almost certain that in the near future Schuster and Archibald will make their way from the 'Blaugrana' club. Schuster is not wanted in Barcelona after the debacle of last year's European Cup Final against Steaua Bucharest. He had a shocker and showed utter contempt when replaced by storming into the dressing rooms.

Although Archibald scored some vital goals in Spain he is also on the way out as his goalscoring has not been fre-



MICHEL PLATINI — not finished.